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Editor's Note: As we have done beginning in 2020, The Wanderer has invited candidates in contested races to submit up to 350 words about their candidacy for public office. This week we have the candidates for both the Marion and Mattapoisett Select Boards and the Marion Planning Board. On May 19, we will publish statements of candidates for Rochester School Committee and Select Board. Below are statements from Marion Select Board candidates Carleton "Toby" Burr and Dr. Ed Hoffer. The Town of Marion will hold its Election on Friday, May 13, at the Cushing Community Center.

Toby Burr – Marion Select Board

Marion is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. I want to keep it that way. I have been on the Marine Resource Commission for over 30 years; was one of the founders of the Marion Business Community Association; and am a past president and current board member of the Massachusetts Marine Trade Association, an organization of over 200 marine businesses that promotes vocational education and works with state legislators. I graduated from Middlebury College and have an MBA from the University of Virginia. I was president of Burr Brothers Boats until 2017. My son, Tucker Burr, now runs the company. I'm running because the Town is in financial trouble. Our roads, our buildings, and our water and sewer lines need work, while our property taxes are high and our sewer and water rate is about the highest in the state. Many people in town are feeling financially stressed. We are in a bind, and I want to help. The best way to ease the tax burden is to add small business. Small business offers goods and services, pays taxes, water and sewer bills, and demands very little public services. I am very interested in the departure of Lockheed Martin. The



On the Cover: Old Rochester Youth Baseball League players turn a cold, dreary Saturday morning into loads of fun by doing "the wave" during Opening Day festivities in Rochester. The day began with a parade from the Dexter Lane baseball complex down to Plumb Corner and a short distance along Mary's Pond Road to Gifford Park, where a giant American flag hovered over the electronic scoreboard displaying the date 5-7-22, the first Opening Day for ORYB since 2019. Photo by Mick Colageo

use of this land is critical to our town's future. I would like to see it replaced with an industrial park. It looks like we are on a course for 341 units of senior housing. Senior housing is needed, but Lockheed Martin is the only land in town zoned for light industry. I think townspeople should have a chance to weigh in before plans are drafted. I offer a willingness to listen, an ambition to learn, and a commitment to transparency. If elected, I will do my

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Marion Town Elections

Friday, May 13, 8am - 8pm

Benjamin Cushing Center (COA), Route 6

Mattapoisett Town Elections

Tuesday, May 17, 8am - 8pm

Old Hammondtown School, Shaw Street

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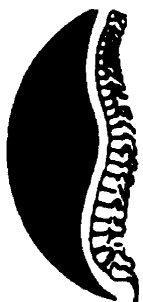
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very best to advise the taxpayer about choices and consequences. I will share what I know, because I believe we are stronger together. Speaking and being heard is vital to a small, friendly, affordable community. Great ideas matter, and they can come from anywhere, anytime, from anyone. I will listen, and you will be heard.

Dr. Edward Hoffer – Marion Select Board

I am running for the open seat on Marion's Select Board at the urging of many friends and town volunteers. Since giving up my daily commute to Boston, I have been able to get deeply involved in town affairs and am ready to put in the time needed to serve the town on the Board. I have been widely active and gained perspective on how the town works, serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals for the past three years, the Board of Health and the Friends of the Council on Aging. I chaired the Board of Health for two years, leading the town safely through the worst of the pandemic. I served on the town's Emergency Management Committee and developed a good relationship with the town administrator and the chiefs of Police and Fire. I have also held leadership positions on many state and national organizations, including five years as treasurer of a national non-profit that increased my comfort with budgeting and audit. Working with the Age-Friendly Marion Committee, I gained a deep understanding of one of the key issues facing Marion: how to allow our seniors, many life-long Marion residents, to stay here when they no longer want a larger home. I would work with developers and the Planning Board to encourage the building of the smaller homes and condominiums that this group wants. We are an aging town and must prepare for this. I would also work with the COA and volunteers to help seniors who want to remain in their homes to make the modifications that make this easier and safer. It is critical to get more of the talents of our residents used. Too many groups consist of the same people staying forever; turnover is healthy and must be encouraged. Our crushing water/sewer



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bills need to come down, and this can best be done by getting more residents on town sewer, to spread the fixed costs over a broader base. Many of the town's needs can be assisted by grant funding, and we should investigate hiring a grant writer on at least a part-time basis.

Editor's Note: Below are statements from Marion Planning Board candidates Tucker Burr, Andrew Daniel, W. Dale Jones and Barrett Levenson. The Town of Marion will hold its Election on Friday, May 13, at the Cushing Community Center.

Tucker Burr - Marion Planning Board

My name is Tucker Burr and I am running for Planning Board. I've been living and working in Marion for almost my entire life. I grew up on Ichabod Lane, waited for the Sippican School bus, attended Tabor Academy, and then went off to college and got a degree in mathematics. I briefly worked out West before I returned home 13 years ago to work in



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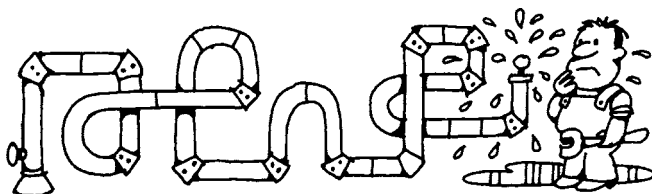
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the family business. I met my wife, Luiza, here in Marion, while sailing. We have a black lab named Gus, and a house on Olde Knoll Road. My life is in Marion. I love this town. The unaffordability of housing in Marion is an issue that should be at the forefront of the Planning Board. When I first moved back here there were no apartments available and so I rented a place in New Bedford. When I did manage find an apartment in town, I was forced out after only a year when it was torn down for condos. I imagine this is a similar experience for those looking to downsize. Marion has a wonderful inventory of family-sized houses but not many other options. For those that cannot yet afford, and those on a fixed income looking to reduce costs, staying in the community in a terrible challenge. The Planning Board can help address this issue by encouraging many different types of housing developments, so people in different stages of life and circumstances can stay here. I believe my experience working at Burr Brothers Boats will help me in many ways. In running the company for the past four years, I have experience organizing the operation to get things done. Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, is the experience I have working for many years in the customer service department. The culture of the Planning Board needs to be a professional one but, in a small town like ours, it must also be welcoming and kind. Going in front of the Planning Board should be an efficient and well understood process. I look forward to bringing a level of professionalism, organization, and approachability to the Planning Board meetings. Ensuring this town is a place that future generations will want to move back to and work is a goal that is near and dear to me.

Andrew Daniel – Marion Planning Board

Hello, my name is Andrew Daniel and I'm running for an open position on the Marion Planning Board. I have lived in town for 13 years, and my wife and I have three children. I have always felt it's important to be active in the community we live in. I served on the board in years past



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and I am proud of the things we accomplished during that time and would like to continue that work. I am a licensed construction supervisor and currently the Facilities Director for the Town of Rochester. With my professional experience and previous time I served as the vice chair of the Planning Board, I do believe that I am the best candidate. I enter the race with no agenda but to make decisions that benefit "ALL" of Marion's taxpayers. Marion is in need for business growth to ease the tax burden put on its residents. I would like to see smart growth and multi-use buildings. The property in the industrial zone being vacated by Lockheed Martin is critical for Marion's future. We can't see that property go to tax exemption; small businesses that could provide needed services to the residents would be welcomed.

Barrett Levenson – Marion Planning Board

Nearly 250 years ago, Thomas Paine wrote that "Immediate necessity makes many things convenient..." Today, the Town of Marion stands at a crossroads, a chance to plan for the future while attempting to manage the present, bridled by decisions made in the not-too-distant past. Now, more than ever, we must not allow ourselves to be shortsighted and act from necessity.



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our town. As a young professional working and living in Marion with parents who have chosen to retire in this town, I am well positioned to see and understand both sides of the demographic spectrum. Having built a home from the ground up in Marion, I have worked closely with the Conservation and Building Commissions and therefore have an understanding of the impacts that decisions have on residents and businesses. Vote for Common Sense when you head to the polls.

Editor's Note: Below are statements from Mattapoisett Select Board candidates Jordan Collyer and Donald LaMarr. The Town of Mattapoisett will hold its Election on Tuesday, May 17, at Old Hammondtown School.

Jordan Collyer – Mattapoisett Select Board

First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many citizens of Mattapoisett for their continued years of support. Also, I would like to thank the employees of Mattapoisett. Without you, we would not operate as smoothly as we have. Despite turnover in many positions, the team that is on board continues to exceed expectations in many areas. Throughout my years in office, we have had many struggles and equally as many successes. Through trying financial times to the loss of key teammates, the town has come out stronger and well positioned to weather most any storm. To this day, Mattapoisett continues to have an excellent bond rating and has become a role model for other towns with our sound fiscal policies and actions. It took many years to achieve and maintain this status. If re-elected, it is my plan to continue our policy of not taxing to the full extent of 2.5 percent, but rather use only what is needed to maintain and judiciously improve services. As we all know, housing prices have been staggering and will continue to rise. Truthfully, this is not within any of our control; however, we do have the ability to work with landowners, developers and the Commonwealth to encourage opportunities for those that wish to remain in town. There is no "silver bullet," but



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Donald LaMarr – Mattapoisett Select Board

I have lived in Mattapoisett for over 25 years, and I believe it is now time for a change on the Select Board. When my mom died of Alzheimer's disease several years ago, it devastated me. It made me realize how important it is to help seniors and give back to this town I am proud to live in. I want the seniors to feel comfortable in their own homes, and not have to go to an assisted living facility or a nursing home if they don't have to. I believe they should spend their golden years in their own home, have a support system that includes



family and friends, and to make use of the necessary home services that are available. While working in the Bristol County Sheriff's office, I worked in Homeland Security. But I also spent time speaking at senior centers, warning seniors about those that prey on the elderly and to beware of scams. I do not like seniors being taken advantage of. I promise you that, if I am elected, I will do my very best and work hard for all of the residents of Mattapoisett to make sure everyone is treated fairly. I will work to make sure the town budget is spent wisely, that teachers are recognized for all of the hard work they do, and to work to make the town more affordable for young couples who want to live here. I believe in an open line of communication and a face-to-face, open-door policy. I am willing to hear every word and act on your request with a swift and honest decision. Since retiring two years ago, I have returned to my love of building and collecting cars. It is my passion. But my passion is also believing that I can make a difference for the residents of Mattapoisett. A new face and fresh ideas. Please vote for me on May 17.

What to Know about Your Hornet Nest

By George B. Emmons

Hornets construct their nests by mixing their own saliva with wood pulp and chew it into a compound that is woven into a geometrical pattern of outside covering. Underneath and deeper inside is a cell structure into which eggs are placed called "combs."



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All hornets build their nests with a single-entry hole, as illustrated, for seclusion to discourage entrance of unwanted visitors as well as protection from outside weather elements. An active nest can be dangerous for nearby homeowners to be stung one or more times.

You should not try to get rid of the nest no matter where it might be but instead call a professional control officer at 508-471-6437. Also, nearby may be ground-nesting yellowjackets down in a hole in the ground often near the foundation of a building.

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building the hive, seeking food and the disciplined ritual of fertilizing her eggs when the time comes. The queen implants them in compartments called "combs" where they progress through five stages of maturity called "metamorphosis." As soon as the fertilization is done, the worker has finished his lifetime task and dies.

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By Mick Colageo

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not have a lot to argue about when they met on May 6 at the Music Hall to participate in a candidates' event organized by The Wanderer, but their conversation with Marion voters did bring out a distinct difference between them.

Both are recently retired, Burr a longtime businessman in Marion with significant experience on the applicant's side of the permitting table and a physician experienced in the running of the Board of Health and associated projects. Burr is recently retired from Burr Brothers Boats, Inc., and his son (and Planning Board candidate) Tucker Burr now runs that business.

So while both are looking for votes in the race for John Waterman's Select Board seat and both share Waterman's urgency to generate ratepayers to share some of the financial burden that Marion faces as it plans major infrastructural upgrades, they bring different perspectives.

Burr used his opening statement in part to address the departure of Lockheed Martin, noting that the 400 jobs on the site drew little in the way of attention or tax-supported services. "And it brought a lot of wonderful families to our town. It did not create a lot of traffic on Route 6, and it was easy to take it all for granted, but we will feel its loss," he said. "What happens to that land is very crucial to our future. I would like to see it replaced with an industrial park."

While the town has hired a consultant to draw up a large residential plan for the purposes of helping Lockheed Martin move the property in accordance with purposes town officials find desirable, Burr envisions the Mattapoisett Industrial Park that was successfully built out over time. He thinks it's premature to commit to a residence concept at the site.

"We need to talk about it. It is the one area in town that is zoned industrial," he said. "I will share what I know because I believe we our stronger together. Great ideas matter, and they can come at any time from anyone. I will listen, and you will be heard."

In opening, Hoffer summarized his work on the Board of Health spearheading Marion's response to the coronavirus pandemic, the testing and vaccination clinics

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that have been held under his watch, along with his work on the Emergency Management Committee. He also recently served on the town's Zoning Board of Appeals.

Citing high taxes and high water and sewer bills, Hoffer made a plea for citizens to participate in town affairs. Hinged upon that was his enthusiastic recommendation of the zoning change that will allow Matt Zuker to seek permitting for The Cottages project off Route 6 near the Wareham town line.

Hoffer thinks the town should hire a part-time grants writer to maximize opportunities to gain financial assistance.

Burr believes the site-plan-and-review bylaw discourages small business in Marion. "In the cases of large businesses, it is certainly necessary as is; in the cases of very small businesses, it has really ... limited and discourages people from even starting small businesses here in Marion. If it could be put into an expedited process that wasn't so burdensome, we might have a larger business tax base," he said.

Both candidates have been impressed with new Tabor Head of School

Tony Jaccaci and share an optimism about the town's relationship with the local prep school.

When the floor was opened to voters, resident Judy Taylor asked the candidates how they differ. Burr, a member of the Marine Resources Commission, pointed to his perspective of an applicant, while Hoffer pointed to his broad experience with the Council on Aging, the Friends thereof and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Steve Kokkins asked about people having an easier way of finding out what is going to happen at public meetings.

Burr said the town website could be improved,

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and more effort could be put into public-meeting agendas to include the consequences of what will be discussed. "That would be very difficult, but I think it's worth the effort," he said.


Hoffer said the town website "is sadly lacking" in terms of Zoom meeting access. He suggested one click to get into a meeting and anything less is "embarrassing."

At the onset of the pandemic, internet security was a concern for the town officials.


Resident Michael Sudofsky asked about the recent Board of Health meeting that was canceled amidst concerns over a potential violation of state Open Meeting Law. The subject at hand was the vetting of new dumpster regulations that would be quickly aborted amidst passionate protest from business owners attending the subsequent meeting.

"They got an earful from the small businesses, and they didn't have a great deal of response," said Burr, who was displeased with the governance of the meeting. "This struck us - and me - as being inappropriate. The purpose of a public hearing ... you do not have a public hearing and tell people to be quiet and sit down. And that's what happened so that was getting off on the wrong foot."

Being on the spot, Hoffer recounted how he stepped into a volatile situation. "The chair who succeeded me on the Board of Health (Dot Brown) I think may have been not running the meeting as I would have



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requested. I would suggest that my style of working came through, and I suggested that the business owners who had a complaint meet unofficially with me off site so I could get their input," he said. "I showed up with a piece of white paper and said that was where I was starting.

"I listened to them and decided that this was in fact a problem that was primarily at two residential communities in town, not the business community, and suggested that this be refocused to deal with the real problem that existed and not overly broadened, and that is where things stand."

Nancy McFadden asked the candidates to comment on the harbormaster's facility.

"It is certainly needed compared to what they are working in now," said Burr, who said the state and federal governments have leveraged much of the costs. "If the state grants don't come through, the building will not be built. It's really that simple."

Hoffer was enthusiastic, declaring the new Department of Public Works operations building a "need" but the proposed Marine Center a "want." But he did say, so long as the burden does not fall on the taxpayers, then he supports the project.

As was the case in the Select Board contest, so it is with the Planning Board that the future of the Lockheed Martin property is being carefully considered by candidates and voters.

Three of the four Planning Board candidates

chasing two open seats were on hand last Friday, Tucker Burr, Andrew Daniel and W. Dale Jones. Barrett Levenson was unavailable for the time slot. The four are vying to replace two Planning Board members not running for reelection, Joe Rocha and former Chairman Will Saltonstall.

Daniel, who served on the Planning Board but lost his seat in last year's election, emphasized his commitment to look after all Marion residents and not just a particular demographic.

Jones, a self-described private-sector person, said he has worked with volunteers. He said the good thing about Planning Board is its recommendations still come before Town Meeting to be vetted by the citizens. He strongly supported an all-hands-on-deck effort to replace Lockheed Martin with a likeminded business.

Burr told his story of growing up in Marion and despite his job working in the family boatyard along with experience as a mechanic and in sales, keyed on the economic challenge of making ends meet in Marion. He now serves on the ZBA. He talked of his mathematics studies and his ongoing appetite to learn the town's rules and regulations.

Asked how to make the Planning Board more business-friendly, Daniel said he went out of his way to meet privately with applicants for permits to discuss their projects and help close the gap between their projects and Planning Board approval.

Jones talked about his service to the state on the Designer Selection Board. "That was a wonderful experience, and my background in engineering would help to do this sort of thing. We've got to find a way to bring business into town."

Burr put his attention on which projects merit site-plan review, calling it "something that should be looked at. ... Running a business, I know how tough it is."

Resident Alan Minard alluded to a conversation with a business owner who wouldn't consider Marion "because the Planning Board there is too hard to work with." Acknowledging it as a perception, Minard asked the candidates how to deal with the perception.

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clearly and ostensibly from the outside, businesspeople, the better that perception's going to be," said Burr.

"We change the perception by being better at it," said Daniel. "Just because you have power and authority to make things more difficult for these applicants doesn't mean you have to."

The Marion election is scheduled for Friday, May 13, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, at the Cushing Community Center.

Mattapoisett Candidates Make Their Pitch **By Mick Colageo**

Mattapoisett Select Board Chairman Jordan Collyer told a large gathering at Old Hammondtown Elementary School that he is hoping to serve one more three-year term to see through a tumultuous transition for the board and the town.

Collyer called the past two years a "rollercoaster" while addressing a May 4 candidates event organized by The Wanderer and moderated by Don Cuddy of the Mattapoisett Land Trust.

Prior to the event, little was known about Collyer's challenger, Don LaMarr, who happens to live on Tallman just off the edge of the Old Hammondtown campus. The devastation of losing his mother to Alzheimer's Disease motivated him to look after Mattapoisett's elderly.

"I realized how important it is to help our seniors," said LaMarr, 67. "They should spend their golden years in their own home," with all the necessary services at their disposal.

A 25-year Mattapoisett resident and self-described "newcomer to politics," LaMarr said, "it's time for a change."

His experience is in emergency management. He served as a deputy sheriff, worked for Homeland Security where he taught seniors how to deal with scam artists. He also serves as a major of training divisions and law-enforcement training units. He served at Ground Zero after the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.

LaMarr said he retired two years ago and enjoys his hobby of building and collecting cars, but his passion



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is the citizens. "If elected, I will do my very best," he said, emphasizing a balanced budget spent on "the right things, like the school budget and the library because that's so important for the youth."

Both candidates gave five-minute opening statements followed by prepared questions from the moderator, then questions from the floor and finally a closing statement.

Asked for a plan to offset the cost of living and taxation by Kathleen Costello, a resident and administrator of the Board of Assessors, Collyer said Bay Club housing provided a windfall, "but finding growth after that has been tough." Collyer discussed a PILOT program for solar farms, asserting that Mattapoisett is "the only town in the commonwealth that can do this." He said that the ability to have more solar in town without deforestation can help residents economically.

Resident Rich Taber asked the candidates about electric vehicles, noting that 9 percent of Boston public school buses ran on electric power.

Enthused by the idea, LaMarr said he had run a large Toyota dealership and was acquainted with electric-powered cars, including a new Ford Mustang and said that police departments across the state are increasing their purchase of electric-powered cruisers.

"The biggest thing is Green Communities," said Collyer, pointing to grant-funded purchases. He also noted that Mattapoisett has made strides with LED street

lighting and the new fire station's capacity to add solar.

With 18 years on Mattapoisett's Select Board, Collyer has been the constant on the board while other seats have changed hands and member John DeCosta was lost to cancer. Collyer has served as chairman through the town's confrontation with Covid-19, a passionate divide over the local school budget (finally approved at Monday night's Town Meeting) and an emerging interest in school-building consolidation.

Stability has been his calling card, as Collyer noted that during the pandemic "we didn't furlough or lay anyone off." On his watch, Mattapoisett has maintained its AAA bond rating, which maximizes borrowing power for municipal projects. "Seniors, fixed income (residents) ... keeping tax rate under control will be our primary focus," he said.

The late John DeCosta's father, the late Jackie DeCosta, served a record 21 years on the Select Board. One more term for Collyer, and he would equal DeCosta's 21 years.

Collyer said that regardless of the outcome of Tuesday's election, he will remain involved.

Two of the three candidates vying for two seats on the Trustees of the Public Library, Bill Coquillette and Don Fleming, appeared. Incumbent Mike Rosa, who is running for reelection, was traveling and could not be present on May 4.

While Coquillette's experience is more library specific, Fleming's experience is more Mattapoisett specific.

Fleming considers the Mattapoisett Public Library, the Council on Aging and the Mattapoisett Museum to be the town's jewels. A recent widower, Fleming was disappointed by the lack of candidates for open seats on various board and committees. He is the former moderator for the town with five children who were educated at Mattapoisett and Old Rochester Regional schools.

Coquillette emphasized the financial challenges that town facilities face to remain top class and able to support the residents. He pointed to investment in new media for an entity "expanding to being a library of things ... a new kind of business has to be developed."

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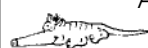
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In commenting on the decline in enrollment in Tri-Town public schools, Fleming cited conflicting information and acknowledged a budgeting challenge made more difficult.

The Mattapoisett Election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, at Old Hammondtown Elementary School.

Morse, Murphy Talk with Rochester Voters **By Michael J. DeCicco**

The Rochester Council on Aging's candidates' forum on Monday night at the Senior Center introduced attendees and the town to the contenders in three races that will be decided at the May 25 Town Election.

Incumbent Selectman Brad Morse is facing a challenge for reelection from Adam Murphy, the deputy harbormaster for the Town of Marion. Veteran incumbent Rochester School Committee member Sharon Hartley is being opposed for reelection to a three-year term by local parent Melissa Anne Goneau.

Jason Chisholm, Gregory Hardy and James O'Brien are competing for the Rochester School Committee seat that veteran board member Tina Rood vacated last year. Chisholm is the current appointee filling the seat. The election is for a two-year term.

Morse introduced himself at the podium by noting his experience in town government, his eight years as a selectman preceded by 12 years on the Planning



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Board.

The board he has served on has proposed important projects, he said, and it has hired full-time town officials to help the town move forward more efficiently. In answer to an audience question, he said the current board is considering using the federal ARPA funds that the town will receive for projects at the Highway Department. He elaborated the board is looking to build new fire and police station quarters, but ARPA funds require that the project be shovel ready "and we want to get the plans just right," he said.

The current board, he said, is also keeping an eye on the proposed 212-unit, 40R development being planned in Rochester, and it is keeping a tight handle on the proposed MBTA mandate that towns near their new stations require more housing. The board is watching closely to make sure this new regulation does not affect Rochester too adversely.

Murphy, the son of Murphy's Auto owner Michael Murphy, said he has joined his father's business but has also worked on the Marion Fire Department for 10 years and the Marion Police Department for another 10 years.

While on the Fire Department, Murphy helped successfully join the department with the ambulance service. He is now a Marion Police patrolman and deputy harbormaster, where he helps with budgeting. He said he would bring all the experiences he's learned in his careers

- teamwork, management, budgeting, seeking important grant funding - to the job of Rochester selectman.

He emphasized that he is particularly skilled at helping the town through changing public safety regulations. "There is no longer an opportunity to hire a reserve police officer," he said. "The experience they need is different now. My first-hand knowledge of this police reform gives me the experience to guide the town through these tough times."

Hartley noted she has devoted her entire working life to education, from being an elementary school teacher at Rochester Memorial School and a principal on Cape Cod to serving on the local school board for 18 years. She said she believes in service and responsibility and wants to continue to help keep the Rochester school moving forward.

Her challenger, Goneau, introduced herself as a mother and grandmother of students in the Rochester schools who has concerns about the way school systems across the state are being run. She said she would find ways to take control back from state mandates. She said her main issue on the school board will be paying close attention to what curriculum gets approved and how and whether it is funded. "I want to be a voice against things that come at us from the back door," she said.

The current holder of the two-year school committee seat, Chisholm, spoke via a Zoom call due to a professional commitment. He introduced himself as a sales manager for a Boston company who considers Rochester his adopted home. A native of Bedford and the son of military parents, he described himself as a man of high moral character who wants to keep working on the issues that affect the schools.

His wife is from New Bedford, he said, and they have 14, 10 and 8-year-old sons.

Chisholm said he wasn't looking to join the committee until being asked to fill the recent vacancy because of his involvement in a local nonprofit. Now he wants to keep his involvement on the school board going strong. "There's a lot of work that needs to be done, and I look forward to working cooperatively to get it done," he said.

Hardy, a fellow contender for the two-year seat, said he has lived in Rochester since 2016 and has two children at the Rochester Memorial School. He emphasized that he would be a strong voice for parents and the community, "for the safety and well-being of all students."

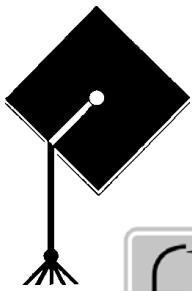
Hardy singled out when in February the school committee "refused to listen to the opinion of parents," he said. The committee had received the results of a survey that showed 80 percent of parents wanted to make the wearing of facemasks optional. Still, the committee voted that night to totally lift the mask mandate, he complained. "They wouldn't listen to the voice of the community," he said. "I will be a strong voice for the parent and medical freedom."

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O'Brien is the retired superintendent-director of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School. He said he has lived in Rochester for 27 years. He noted he has spent over 35 years in vocational school education and retired seven months ago. He said he wants to join the Rochester School Committee now because he wants the students whose lives have been disrupted emotionally and academically by the Covid pandemic to get the extra help and support they need. As a school member, he would strongly advocate for that increased support.

Big Wins for DPW, Zuker

Marion Town Meeting

By Mick Colageo

Three major construction projects in the Town of Marion will proceed with cautious optimism after key votes of citizen support at a well-attended Annual Town Meeting on Monday night at Sippican School.

Articles 10 and 11 of the warrant addressed the proposed operations center for the Department of Public Works and the harbormaster's Marine Center, respectively.

Article 32, the reclassification of several lots off Wareham Street (Route 6) and Bournehurst Road near the Weweantic River as Residence Zone E (multifamily housing) carried by a whopping 157-36 margin.

"I'm glad we got the information out so everyone could make their own informed decision," said developer Matt Zuker, who conducted informational sessions to promote his market-rate residential project to the townspeople.

Now he will go through a lengthy permitting process with the Planning Board.

Zuker's attempt to rezone the land failed in October 2021, the vote needing a two-thirds majority but falling far short with 64 attendees evenly split. On Monday, the same measure needed only a simple majority after the Select Board supported a Planning Board decision to use a 2021 state law allowing the threshold. The measure played no role in the outcome.

The new DPW operations center at Benson

Brook was the most substantial request because the vote authorized the town to borrow \$3,000,000 toward a \$4,500,000, three-building headquarters that will include repair bays and office space in one building, covered parking in another and the salt shed in a third.

However, the matter drew little in the way of controversy, save for questions about the future of the existing site on the other side of Route 6. Resident Steve Kokkins questioned if it's in the town's best interests to sell that property to fund the new site.

Jon Henry, former selectman and current Planning Board member, said he participated in a study years ago that determined selling that property is not feasible. Town Administrator Jay McGrail, meanwhile, said the town wants to maintain it for storage purposes. All but one structure there is to be razed, as it is considered woefully out of code and unfit for working conditions.

Article 11, a request to allocate \$700,000 as the town's share to comply with state grant funding toward the majority of the proposed Marine Center at Island Wharf, required a two-thirds majority and was passed almost unanimously.

In theory, the Marine Center will be built with no impact on taxpayers, a stipulation being that should the Seaport Economic Council not come through with the additional \$2,000,000 in grant funding that it will take to construct the new harbormaster's headquarters, the building will not be built.



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Citizen Jared Dourdeville stated objections to the project that Harbormaster Isaac Perry said were addressed in the design change.

The conversation carried on in many facets with different residents asking questions until voter Chris Washburn requested that the moderator "move the question, please."

Residents of Village Drive and Fieldstone Lane held a citizens' petition that their streets be absorbed as town ways for ownership and maintenance purposes.

Representative Shawn Batcheley argued on behalf of Article 40 that it costs roughly \$30,000 a mile

for the annual maintenance of town roads and that the total length of the roads in the petition add up to a small fraction thereof.

Town officials, in general, find the proposal problematic because of the road design, most notable the hammerhead end and the sudden drop-off in land around the road.

The Zoning Board of Appeals had granted developer Steen Realty more than 10 waivers.

Select Board member John Waterman told Batcheley, "We are not asking you to assume the costs, you're asking the town to assume the costs. We don't have as-built plans for the road." Waterman also cited costs to maintain and plow, saying there is "enough burden on our sewer enterprise as well."

McGrail added to the complexity, noting that Town Counsel suggested it is unclear whether the town would be accepting the utilities. "There's no authority baked into the article," he said.

A motion to table the article pending further research into the unresolved facts carried by a 121-50 margin.

Articles 33 and 34, relating to the "Water Supply and Aquifer Protection District" and "Water Supply Protection District" respectively, were both passed over.

The rest of the 46-article warrant of the regular Town Meeting and the two articles of the Special Town Meeting, all passed, including several capital projects.

School Budget Carries amidst Spirited Debate

Mattapoisett Town Meeting

By Marilou Newell

It was an hour past the posted start time of 6:30 pm before Monday night's Mattapoisett Spring Town Meeting got underway. Long lines at the registration desks, lines that circled around the rear of Old Rochester Regional High School kept moderator John Eklund from opening the meeting on time. But once everyone was seated either in the auditorium or in the overflow area in the gymnasium, nearly every seat was taken.

Four hundred and twenty-five registered voters came out in force, primarily to show their support for



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Article Two, the General Operating Budget, and line item 01-306-002 "Regular Day Elementary School Education" with a request for \$7,535,043 for Old Hammondtown and Center Schools.

Long before the attendees began arriving, pro-school budget advocates lined the entrance ramp into the school parking lot holding signs urging voters to accept the budget as presented.

But even earlier, years in fact, Mattapoissett's Finance Committee had begun questioning why the local schools' budgets continued to grow in spite of decreasing enrollment numbers and the elimination of classrooms and teaching staff. Spearheading the effort for more data and better explanations from the Mattapoissett School Committee and Old Rochester Regional School District administration has been Fincom Chairman Pat Donoghue. As she rose to make an opening statement, the room hushed.

Donoghue expressed her appreciation for a large turnout before talking about what she termed "myth busting."

The first myth Donoghue asserted goes back several years to when in researching classroom sizes, she said she had been told that the ideal number of students per teacher was 12. After further investigation, she said she learned that the state suggests a student/teacher ratio of 18 to 25 students per teacher. Donoghue said, in spite of trimming classrooms and educational staff, "We saved



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nothing.” She said that more support staff has been hired.

Another budgetary issue that Donoghue targeted as myth was per-pupil costs. She said research has proven that it costs more to educate a high school student than an elementary school student, yet Mattapoisett funding is the other way around.

A final issue Donoghue sought to clarify was ownership of the school buildings and whether or not the Council on Aging’s expenses related to building use were being foisted onto the schools’ balance sheets. Donoghue said the town owns the buildings, not the school administration or school committee, and carries the debt associated with each school and that debt currently attributable to the two schools will end in 2025.

By the time she concluded her comments, it was 8 pm.

Town Administrator Mike Lorencio gave a presentation on the way the tax dollars are spent, how revenues are received by the town and processes therein. In layman’s terms, Lorencio explained the levy limit, revenue resources, expenses, a breakdown of where tax dollars go, how school spending has outpaced inflation, recent town budget actions that have resulted in savings, how an earlier Master Plan impacted school spending, enrollment histories, per-pupil costs and the need for more fiscal research including the development of a multiyear school budget plan.

Once public comments were invited, there ensued

one hour and 45 minutes of debate, including heated exchanges and voices to pass the budget and take on additional budget review over the coming year.

Mattapoisett School Committee chairman James Muse said he was hurt when he heard that some people were saying special deals had been made in secret. “I make deals with you,” he said pointing to the attendees.

School Committee member Carly Lavin added her voice, saying the school budget presented was levelly funded, that it would be prudent to pass the budget, that inflation was a contributing factor to rises in the budget and that “zero” staff had been added. She also stated that school choice, a hot button for the Finance Committee, did not add to staffing needs.

Lavin agreed that per-pupil costs need a closer look and that she was surprised when the Finance Committee voted not to support the FY23 school budget. She also warned that not approving the budget would result in cutting teaching positions.

ORR School District Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber rose to say that the budget process has been transparent, that any pay raises for himself and others were contractual arrangements, but that those raises have not yet been approved by the School Committee.

Rose Bowman, longtime educator and principal of the elementary schools, said, “I am the voice for 440 children.” She reminded the voters that the town has



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a long history of supporting its schools and that such support is the reason why the town and its students are so successful.

Several voters rose to question the per-pupil costs and the need to fund other departments. There were moments when Eklund struggled to maintain decorum as speakers used the public forum to vent grievances related to real-estate taxes and school costs mixing words with one another. Several times, the moderator attempted to bring closure to public comments, saying at one point, "We're not going to solve these problems tonight ... but the discussion has started, and this has been enlightening."

The Finance Committee hoped that its majority

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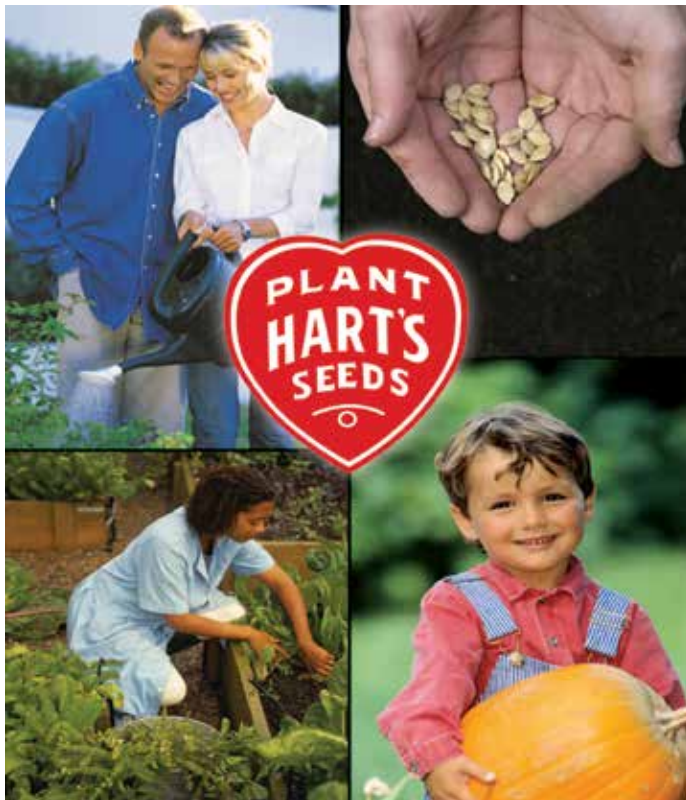
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no vote for the school budget would inspire a deep dive into school finances and future budget discussions. It was obvious that gambit had worked. Article 2 passed by a 425-20 margin.

And then the room cleared.

It was like a mass exodus. The moment the FY23 Operating Budget was passed, the majority of the citizenry noisily exited the public meeting, leaving less than half of those who were in attendance alone to finish the democratic work of the townspeople, spending tax dollars.

In a follow-up, Select Board member Jodi Bauer said that although she was not surprised, it was “disheartening and disappointing” that so many had left.

Lorenco said in a follow-up missive, “I was glad that many residents were present. I hope they learned some things.” He said it was his job to hear all sides of an issue in his work on behalf of the Select Board and the townspeople. But of the people leaving once Article 2 was completed he added, “The mass exodus was disheartening in a lot of ways. The Town, School Department and many others work hard to present a budget and a warrant so we can hear from the community and do the necessary projects.”

Those townspeople that stayed went through the remaining 25 articles, voting yes to all with a couple of modifications.

Article 15, a Community Preservation Act grant request in the amount of \$120,000 was withdrawn and Article 13, also a CPA grant request, was trimmed from \$55,000 for new basketball courts and the addition of pickleball courts to just the repair of one basketball court and the addition of one court for \$20,000. The General Operating Budget Article Two totaled \$30,766,933.

Lorenco’s presentation is available at Mattapoisett.net.

Bylaws on Warrant Get Mixed Reviews

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Planning Board accepted the inevitable notice on Tuesday night that Industrial Tower and Wireless LLC is withdrawing its site-plan review application for its proposed 190-foot monopole-style telecommunications tower facility on High Street.

The Zoning Board of Appeals last week unanimously denied a special permit for the tower project’s request to reduce the facility’s required setback distance of 200 feet from other property lines by 50 percent or to 100 feet on the High Street lot.

This week, the Planning Board accepted the letter from Industrial Tower and Wireless LLC, asking that it be allowed to withdraw its application with the Planning Board “without prejudice.”

Town Planner Nancy Durfee explained later that this means the petitioner will be able to reapply for a site-

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plan review without the obstacle of receiving a Planning Board denial first. She said the petitioner would need to redesign the plan anyway, and the petitioner could possibly be planning to appeal the ZBA decision first. She added quickly that she has not heard whether that will be the petitioner's next move.

Turning to the May 23 Town Meeting warrant, the Planning Board voted on Tuesday to recommend one zoning bylaw article but recommend against another.

The new solar bylaw provision on the warrant that the board is recommending strengthens the requirements for visually screening a solar-panel field from public view to "protect scenic vistas from residential uses, public ways and any waterway or water bodies."

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The recommended minimum depth of the vegetative screen will be 50 feet.

The board, however, decided to withdraw on Town Meeting floor and not recommend a change in the town's "Arbor Fund Bylaw."

The original bylaw required solar facility operations to estimate the value of the trees they are clear cutting on their property and submit to the town a payment that will then be used for arborist-related purposes in town. The change on the warrant would also require any subdivision or a commercial-industrial use to calculate its tree cutting.

Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson called this change "too cumbersome, too onerous. We want this fund confined to solar projects," he said. "The townspeople won't like it. I don't like to lose the town. They've grown to trust us. I don't want to lose that."

The vote to withdraw the article was unanimous.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, at 7:00 pm at Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School library.

Neighbors Object to Campsite

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

A plan proposed by Todd Mello and Tara Menard for a barrier beach campsite on Cove Street met with neighbor ire when presented by David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon and Leone, Inc., during the May 10 meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission.

A letter submitted by Bob Warren, a resident in the beach neighborhood, expressed concerns over the filing of a Request for Determination of Applicability versus a Notice of Intent for planned modifications to the vacant lot.

Warren's letter read in part that the filing was inadequate and should be a Notice of Intent because the property is part of a barrier beach, there is cutting of vegetation in the plan, the entire project is in a buffer zone and a portable hygiene station would be placed on the property.

Chairman Mike King noted that the site had

already been disturbed and that the applicant would have to obtain a permit from the Select Board to place a RV on the site.

During the meeting, Warren questioned the RDA filing versus a NOI. He also said that at moon high tide, the property in question would be under water. He also discussed the wisdom of the commission to allow the use, a point not under the commission's jurisdiction, King noted.

Environmental agent Brandon Faneuf said that the project looked good on paper but might not work well in a practical sense because existing vegetation would be impacted. King said that the commission's concern is the amount of the new disturbance, which he deemed minimal.

King said he was comfortable issuing a determination on the filing before them, as did the other commissioners. The filing received a Negative 2 determination.

In other matters, a Negative determination was also issued to Carol and Marc Lareau, 44 Prospect Road, for an inground pool in a lawn area. A NOI filed by David and Lois Monteiro for a residential pier was continued until May 23.

Faneuf, in his report to the commission, said that unpermitted activities, the construction of a parking space, had taken place in jurisdictional areas across the road from 12 Union Avenue. The commission decided to issue an Enforcement Order, request a restoration plan to be submitted by June 30 and mandated the filing of a NOI.

Faneuf also said that a report on findings at the Bowman Road Solar Array would be presented in the next few weeks.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 23, at 6:30 pm.

ZBA Turns Down Tower

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously denied a special permit for a proposed 190-foot monopole-style telecommunications tower facility on High Street that close neighbors had crowded the hearing room for over a month of meetings to oppose.

The High Street neighbors barely restrained themselves from applauding during the May 4 public meeting, as Industrial Tower and Wireless LLC lost its bid for a permit to reduce the required setback distance of 200 feet from other property lines by 50 percent or to 100 feet for the High Street lot.

Company representative Kevin Delaney said simply "stay tuned" when asked by a reporter what the company would do next in response to the denial.

Attorney Donald Nagle, who had presented the



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board a petition signed by 54 neighbors voicing their opposition to the tower plan, clarified that the petitioner now has the right to appeal in a court of law but wasn't sure how fast that would happen. (Industrial Tower and Wireless LLC attorney Jeffrey Angley attended the meeting via Zoom.)

Rochester Town Counsel Blair Bailey began the meeting by noting the only criteria under federal law the board could use to make their decision on the permit.

"Number one," Bailey said, "does it cover a gap?" They had to have demonstrated to you there is no alternative site. The local authority, this board, can't have the effect of denying coverage.

In their deliberations before the vote, all five board members present had the same comment, that this was one of the hardest board decisions they ever had to make.

Board member Jeffrey Costa said he had doubts there was no alternative sites since the lot lines in question are under a new property owner who has said through his attorney that he does not know what he wants to do with the property.

Board member Thomas Flynn noted the attorneys on both sides have been skilled in the art of persuasion, but the commission's job is to protect the town's natural resources and minimize adverse impacts to the quality of life in town.

"In descending order, number five, the least important criteria is 'no other sites,'" Flynn said. "We have to be very strict and careful here. We can only vote approval if we find the project is in harmony with the town and within the intent of the bylaw. That is the reason I will vote against. They have not met that standard. There is another site. The owner owns both parcels of land."

As is standard practice with a zoning-board decision, Flynn motioned a positive recommendation, to grant the permit with restrictions for a 25-year lease and bonding to pay for removal of the facility should the operation close.

All five members who were present, Costa, Flynn, David Arancio, Richard Cutler and Donald Spirlet, proceeded to vote against the motion, denying the permit.

Arancio, the ZBA chairman, then announced the standard 20-day appeal period for parties to file an objection to the decision.

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals' next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, at 6:30 pm.

Nelson Agrees to Contract Extension

ORR Joint School Committee / Superintendency Union #55
By Mick Colageo

The Old Rochester Regional Joint School Committee / Superintendency Union #55 carried out a lot of business during Tuesday night's public meeting, the most significant of which was formal agreement with Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson on what union-

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side Chairperson Sharon Hartley indicated would be a long-term contract extension.

Both sides voted unanimously.

Hartley served on a subcommittee to negotiate the contract with ORR School Committee Chairperson Heather Burke and Jim Muse. The terms of the deal will be made public over the next several days once the members sign and any corrections are made.

In introducing the vote, Burke told Nelson, "This committee is very pleased with the work you've done in the district," noting "superior leadership" and how Nelson "worked very hard in meeting the needs that the hiring committee expressed." Those included town relations and transparent finances "despite very difficult times."

"It's been a tough few years not only for me but for everybody, and you've been with me all the way," said Nelson. "To everyone not here, I couldn't have done it without you." Nelson credited teachers and staff, "those in the buildings every single day."

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taking their foot off the gas and are doing everything they can do to serve the children. ... No matter what people's different positions are, the fact that people show up speaks to how important all six schools are."

He also thanked his family for its sacrifice of his time. "I feel honored in my ability to serve the Tri-Town so thank you very much," he said.

Burke told the committee that Nelson reached out to begin the process on the new contract. The agreement was finalized during the same public meeting that updated the JSC on Nelson's two-year evaluation process.

An in-house assistant superintendent, who on February 29, 2020 interviewed so impressively that he beat out two other finalists, including an experienced

superintendent and an associate superintendent from other school systems, Nelson took on the job vacated when Doug White's decade-long tenure came to an end.

Almost immediately, Nelson was confronted with the coronavirus pandemic and acted to implement a hybrid learning model with an option for full remote learning. Amidst heavy criticism that ensued from residents opposed to remote learning, Nelson implemented a Covid Dashboard on ORR's website.

There, he said, was information detailing each town's standing relative to data-point thresholds that would trigger a potential pivot in the learning model. During the latter stages of the 2020-21 winter season, the Tri-Towns' youngest students returned to full, in-person learning, followed by a progression upward until all grades were back in school full time before the end of the academic year.

At the same time, Nelson was hired amidst growing unrest and racial tension. He responded by implementing an Anti-Racism Resolution, Anti-Racism Policy and Anti-Racism Subcommittee. He invited the grassroots organization, Tri Town Against Racism, to speak to the faculty via Zoom and enacted a partnership meant to end the era of sweeping racial incidents under the carpets of the district school buildings.

More recently, Nelson was enthused to share that Marion and Mattapoisett town meetings held on Monday night both approved their towns' school budgets and the

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Nelson said he recently met with the Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee and is working on a May 17 deadline to provide goals and backup information supporting them.

Instead of a select few committee members meeting in person and the majority via Zoom, the proportions were the other way around on Tuesday night.

In other actions, the JSC voted to approve the 2022-23 Professional Development Plan and policies including advertising in school.

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Before the vote, Dr. Jannell Pearson-Campbell brought the JSC up to date on the plan with a month-by-month breakdown for the spring and summer months. In May, the plan launched with a survey of families coming out of the pandemic yielding information on how those students can make the most of their time in school. Survey results were categorized by age groups in each of the Tri-Towns. Individual schools made associated reports.

Director of Student Services Craig Davidson reported on Kindergarten transition scheduled for May 25-26 and noted that the sections in each of the three towns were at or close to capacity.

Early in the meeting, Hartley shared a story about the ORR Class of 1970. She told the committees that Dave Sullivan brought a plan for his class that in lieu of the missed 50th reunion, it will be conducting a "50+2" reunion this year. The class has made a gift to the school of a tree, landscaped and planted. The class celebration will coincide with the tree at its dedication on Saturday, August 13, at 10:30 am, followed by a tour of the high school.

The meeting was interrupted by a 90-minute executive session to talk in private about negotiations.

The next meeting of the JSC is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, at 6:30 pm.

ORR Takes Regular-Season Titles

Sports Roundup

By Matthew Curry

In their one and only home meet of the season on May 5, the Old Rochester Regional High School track-and-field teams faced off against South Coast Conference rivals Dighton-Rehoboth and walked away with the SCC Large title once again. The boys meet ended with a score of 90-32, while the girls won, 96-26.

For the boys, four of six field events went to the Bulldogs. Walter Rosher took first in shot put and discus, while Hunter Bishop won javelin and Tyler Trudeau placed first in triple jump. The dominance continued on the track, where Murray Copps, Aidan Silk and Jackson Veugen swept the mile, before Leo Schiappa, Remy Wilson and Theo Cecil swept the 100. Cecil also took

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first in the 400 before Colby Gross, Schiappa and Landon Maxwell swept the 200.

On the girls' side, the Bulldogs took every field event. Jen Williams took first place in long jump, Julia Sheridan won javelin, Taylor Green took shot put, Lilly Cook won discus, Maggie Brogioli took first in high jump, and Cameran Weaver won triple jump. Williams and Sheridan also won the 100 hurdles and 400 respectively, while Alexa St. Louis won the 100 and 200, and Maddie Conner took the 800. The mile was swept by Hanna Whalley, Alexia Gonsalves and Corrine Robert.

The 2-mile and 4x400 relay was canceled for both boys and girls as the Bulldogs had clinched both meets by the end of the 400. Old Rochester boys' and girls' teams will look to solidify their dominance over the conference at the SCC Championship meet on Thursday, May 19, at Apponequet Regional High School in Lakeville.

Baseball

The Bulldogs picked up a 7-6 win over Joseph Case (Swansea) on May 6. A seventh-inning home run by Owen Bates put ORR ahead, 7-4, and ended up being the game winner. Also contributing were Zack Matson and Ethan McElroy, who each scored two runs. The Bulldogs hosted Dennis-Yarmouth on Tuesday, Carver on Wednesday and will host Dighton-Rehoboth on Friday, May 13.

Lacrosse

Old Rochester's boys' team defeated Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech, 8-2, on May 4. Meanwhile, the girls took an even more dominant victory in their game against the Bears, winning 21-8. The boys visited Seekonk on Wednesday and will visit Apponequet on Friday the 13. The girls will host Weymouth on Saturday, May 14.

Boys Tennis

After a 4-1 win over Bourne on May 3, the boys' tennis team took back-to-back losses. They lost 4-1 to Dighton-Rehoboth on May 5 and 4-1 to Dartmouth on Monday. They will visit Somerset Berkley on Thursday, May 12.

Girls Tennis

The girls' tennis team went 2-0 last week. On May 3, they picked up a 3-2 win over Bourne and followed up on May 5 with a 3-2 win over Dighton-Rehoboth. Their win streak was snapped on Monday against Dartmouth.



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The Lady Bulldogs host Somerset Berkley on Thursday, May 12.

Softball

Old Rochester's softball team snapped its losing streak on Monday when they the Bulldogs defeated Bourne, 12-7. ORR hosted Diman on Tuesday and will visit Dighton-Rehoboth on Friday, May 13.

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Dear Editor,

During candidates night on Friday, May 6, 2022, three Planning Board candidates Tucker Burr, Andrew Daniel, and W. Dale Jones devoted a considerable amount of time hashing out the importance of attracting business to town and the "arduous" permitting process that discourages developers.

I believe one candidate misspoke at the forum. Mr. Burr noted the request by the business, "Uncle Jon's", to increase its patio space by 200 sq. ft. was met by a call for a site plan review by the Planning Board. That simply is not true.


The Planning Board determined the 200 square foot change was not substantial and the change did not supersede any specific permit decision and voted 7-0-0 for no site plan review.

When making decisions, the Planning Board refers to The Zoning Act which sets forth the requirements, procedures, and limitations that a municipality must adhere to when taking certain land use actions. May I suggest candidates familiarize themselves with this Act?

Eileen J. Marum, Marion

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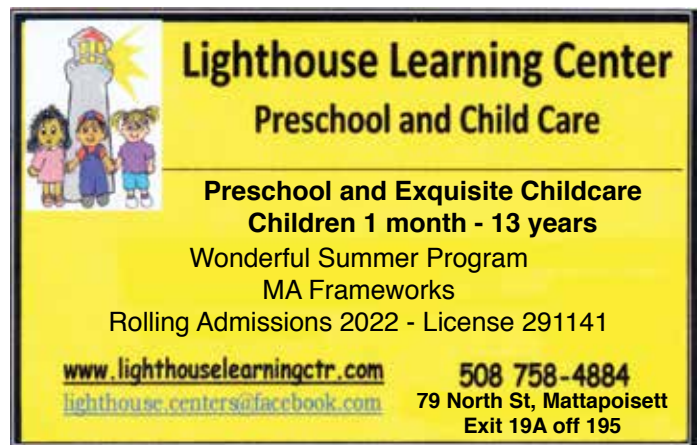


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11:30 AM Science 360
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12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
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8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Registers Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
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11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday May 13, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM Health Source
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM Charles Dana Gibson - Portrait of an Illustrator
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre

2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltrocass
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM Housing Rights with MA Attorney General's Office
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
7:00 PM Marion COA USSR Lecture
7:30 PM In the Toy Box
9:00 PM The Non-Profit World
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday May 14, 2022

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Recovery Recreation TV
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations on Mental Health
11:00 AM Wellness Wednesday
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
3:30 PM Inspiring Careers
4:00 PM Paltrocass
4:30 PM Skip Finley - Whaling Captains
5:30 PM For Art's Sake
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Southcoast Symphonic Band
7:30 PM Let's Talk Business
8:00 PM City Hall Insider
8:30 PM Money Matters TV
9:00 PM Registers Report
9:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:00 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday May 15, 2022

6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM White House Chronicle
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Charlie Bradley
2:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
4:00 PM Paltrocass
4:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
5:00 PM The World Fusion Show
5:30 PM In the Toy Box
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Alzheimers Risks with Jennifer Hoadley
7:01 PM This is America & The World
7:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
8:00 PM Tae Kwon Do
8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Charles Dana Gibson - Portrait of an Illustrator
9:30 PM Books and the World
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday May 16, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM Health Expert
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM White House Chronicle
11:00 AM Glass Studio on Cape Cod
11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM Charles Dana Gibson - Portrait of an Illustrator
4:00 PM Marion COA USSR Lecture
5:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers

7:00 PM The Friends of Jack Foundation
7:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:00 PM Pete on the Street
8:30 PM Reeling Movie Review
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday May 17, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM You and Your Health
8:30 AM Health Expert
9:07 AM Wellness Wednesday
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM The Friends of Jack Foundation
11:30 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Garden Therapy Teas and Oils
2:00 PM The Non-Profit World
2:30 PM Garden Talk with Teresa
3:10 PM Discovery SHENYUN
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4:00 PM Paltrocass
4:30 PM Reel Smaht
5:00 PM Charles Dana Gibson - Portrait of an Illustrator
5:30 PM Off the Shelf
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Money After Military - Finding a Job
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
9:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday May 18, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV

12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Wellness Wednesdays
2:30 PM Tax Assistance with VITA Program
3:05 PM Mattapoisett Police Chief Swear-In Ceremony
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocass
4:30 PM Charles Dana Gibson - Portrait of an Illustrator
6:00 PM Let's Talk Business
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
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7:30 PM Registers Report
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4:30 PM Marion Board of Health
5:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
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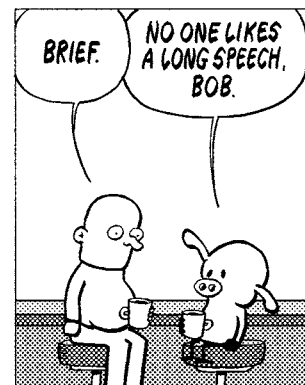
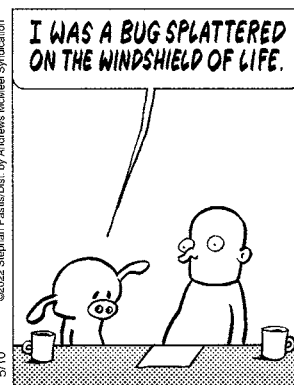
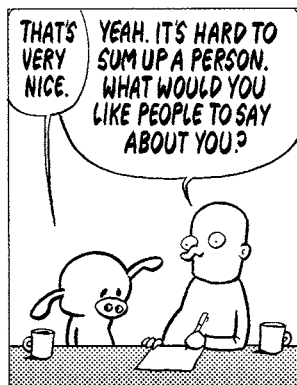
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OBITUARIES



Beatrice D. Pires, of Marion, died peacefully on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 surrounded by her family. She was the wife of the late Lucien F. Pires, Sr. and recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

A lifelong resident of Marion, she was the daughter of the late Mary (Correia) and Vincent Pina.

During World War II, Mrs. Pires worked in the Hingham Shipyard building destroyer escorts for the U.S. Navy. She was also a longtime supporter of the March of Dimes, served as registrar for the Town of Marion, and was Past-President of the Benjamin D. Cushing Post # 2425 Ladies Auxiliary. Mrs. Pires was a private caregiver for local families until her retirement. In her off time, she welcomed all family, friends and loved ones to her home. Mrs. Pires created a loving atmosphere and always made sure that everyone always knew that they were welcome. She believed in unity and coming together as one. She was an excellent cook and loved to bake. She enjoyed going to Foxwoods and playing Bingo with her friends.

She is survived by her children, Glenda "Penny" Alves and her husband Domingo "Bobby" Alves of Marion, Mary Lou Rose of New Bedford, Donald Pires of New Bedford, Lynne Silva and her partner Joey Roderick of Marion, and Wendy Lee Barnes of Wolcott, CT. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson. She was predeceased by her sons, the late Lucien F. Pires, Jr. and Melvin Pina, and her siblings, the late Julio Nunes, Lawrence Pina, Anne Nunes Fernandes, Joan Gabourel and Dominga Sequeira.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit on Wed., May 11, 2022 at Chapman Funerals & Cremations, 2599 Cranberry Hwy. (Rt. 28), Wareham from 8:30 to 10:30 am. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Church, High St., Wareham at 11 am. Interment will be in Mass. National Cemetery, Bourne.

The family would also like to extend their thanks to the nurses and staff at Tobey Hospital. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For directions or to leave a message of condolence visit: www.chapmanfuneral.com



Conrad "Slim" Omer Bernier, 90, of Rochester, passed away on Sunday May 1, 2022. He was the spouse of the late Anita (Babineau) Bernier, son of the late Omer Bernier and Aurea Poirier, and brother of the late John Bernier and Louis Bernier. Slim was born in Acushnet and lived all his life in the South Coast area.

Slim was a veteran of the United States Army where

he trained military working dogs at Fort Carson, Colorado. After completing his military duties, Slim returned to the area, married, and found work with New England Telephone. He remained with the Telephone Company his entire career.

Among his many friends, Slim is perhaps best remembered for his avocations. He was a volunteer fireman for over 70 years, starting at age 12 as a junior member of the Acushnet Fire Department. When he moved to Rochester in the early 1960's, he joined the Fire Department there. He remained a member for decades. His 50th anniversary with the Rochester Fire Department was marked with the presentation of a gold-plated, fire axe.

Slim had a passion for blacksmithing. He introduced many to the historic craft by demonstrating metalworking techniques at local festivals and by founding the blacksmithing program at the Freetown Historical Society. Slim will also be remembered as a presence at the New Bedford Airport where he taught ground school to aspiring pilots. He led a boy scout troop and coached youth hockey, a sport he learned when he attended Mount Saint Charles.

More recently Slim made the Rochester Council on Aging a priority. He loved the comradery of the weekday breakfasts. He appreciated the French Club and the variety of services offered to seniors. More importantly to Slim, staying active in the C.O.A. honored his late wife, Anita who had been active in bringing the Council to Rochester.

Survivors include his five children: Judith Brandau (Jeffrey) of Sneads Ferry, NC; John Bernier (Lynne) of Rochester, MA; Janet Cote (Rick) of Tampa, FL; Edward Bernier (Karen) of Stuttgart, Germany; and Steven Bernier (Julie) of Tampa, FL; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Claude Bernier of Glendale, Arizona and a sister, Diane Whitehouse of Denver, Colorado.

Visitation will be Friday morning 8:00 am to 9:00 am at Rock Funeral Home followed by a Funeral Mass at Saint Rose of Lima Church in Rochester at 10:00 am. Interment Sacred Heart Cemetery, New Bedford.

While it is true Slim always had a list of five chores written on the back of envelopes for his kids to do after school, the family is limiting his final list to three items. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Slim's memory to any of the following organizations:

1. The Rochester Fire Fighter Association, Attn: Memorial Fund, In Memory of Slim Bernier, 10 Neck Rd, Rochester MA 02770
2. The Freetown Historical Society, Attn: Memorial Fund, In Memory of Slim Bernier, PO Box 251, Assonet, MA 02702
3. Rochester Council on Aging, Attn: Eric Poulin, Director, In Memory of Slim Bernier, 67 Dexter Lane, Rochester, MA 02770

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And salads we could toss.*

*Thursday brought healthy choices,
Of yogurt, granola and trail mix.
With bowls made out of waffle cones,
A healthy snack we did fix.*

*Topping it off on Friday,
With a delicious sundae bar.
Complete with all the fixings,
From cookies to candy bars.*

*We can't begin to thank you,
For showering us with these treats.
And for all the ways you show you care,
Your kindness can't be beat.*

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Grade 11 Honors: **Gwen Mohan** and **Lucas Marcolini** of Marion
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MOVIE REVIEW

The Haunting

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River's Edge (1987). Starring Keanu Reeves and Crispin Glover. Directed by Tim Hunter. Running time: 99 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Streaming for free with ads on Tubi and Pluto TV.

When *River's Edge* opened in America (35 years ago last Sunday), reviewers and columnists chased it around like cartoon reporters waving their mics at a murder suspect. They probed it for social meaning, decided it was a commentary on the affectless kids of baby boomers (meaning, the kids of the columnists). For those of us of the generation in question, the movie was "John Hughes Goes to Hell." It took the ethos of *The Breakfast Club* — "When you grow up, your heart dies" — and ramped it up. The kids in *River's Edge* were born with dead or broken hearts. Generation X nodded in recognition, then probably moved on to *Beverly Hills Cop II* later that May as a palate-cleanser. To a greater or lesser extent, we looked at the kids in *River's Edge* and said "Yeah. We know kids like this. Sometimes we *are* kids like this. This isn't a social commentary, this is a snapshot." The boomers *really* didn't want to hear that.

The shock of *River's Edge* isn't that it shows kids who either kill or respond to death numbly; it's that it shows those things in an American movie. Screenwriter Neal Jimenez and director Tim Hunter are commenting, if anything, on what we usually expect young American protagonists to do, how we demand they respond. The situation here, which Jimenez based loosely on a 1981 murder case, is that one of the film's teenagers, Samson (Daniel Roebuck), has strangled his girlfriend, for no explicable reason — meaning, with no clear motive. "Motive," in this movie's terms, is a fake thing that other movies do. What Coleridge called Iago's "motiveless malignity" holds sway here.

The conflict arises not from the authorities trying to prove Samson did it — for he admits to the murder to practically anyone who will listen — but from the ethical struggle between two of the other boys in this group, Matt (Keanu Reeves) and Layne (Crispin Glover), over what should be done about Samson. Layne proposes that they all close ranks around Samson, hide him, whatever. His reasoning appears to boil down to "She's dead — we can't help her. He's alive; we can help him." Matt isn't so sure; like the others, he has a flicker of conscience and consciousness, which can either be extinguished or fanned into flame. We're not too surprised when Matt goes to the cops fairly early on. Even 35 years ago, Keanu Reeves projected a basic kindness. But even he doesn't act quickly enough for the police's liking. Most of the adults



in this movie are essentially ghosts of movies past, insisting on the clearcut morality and narrative rigidity that are irrelevant in the gray and tangled world of *River's Edge*.

The film has a hell of a lot under its hood, and not all of it was intentionally placed there, but some of it clearly was — the whole doll motif, for instance, linking a dead girl to hollow objects of male desire or destruction. I guess Matt's new girlfriend Clarissa (Ione Skye) is supposed to be the living, breathing exception to all that, but she's a little blank. (Someone like Allison Anders could step forward to tell Clarissa's story.) We learn nothing about Jamie, the girl Samson killed. She's literally just a naked body to be argued over. We never hear her speak, only briefly see her alive in a flashback, moments before she's killed.

My hunch is that Hunter and Jimenez are getting at something more elemental and distressing than just "these kids today" or "adults suck." The passage of 35 years has made *River's Edge* feel more timelessly tragic. Other than a few bits of score that briefly make the movie sound like a banal '80s thriller, it has aged very, very well. Its lineage proceeds from skid-row cinema to Herzog's *Stroszek* to Dennis Hopper's *Out of the Blue* — Hopper is rather famously in *River's Edge*, by the way, as a one-legged freako and possible killer who isn't even the craziest galoot Hopper played in 1986. Hopper's presence links this movie to his earlier portrait of bottom-dog life in numbed-out America. A double feature of *Out of the Blue* and *River's Edge* is contraindicated unless under strict supervision.

Samson sits next to his victim, a teenage Frankenstein not knowing why that flower petal didn't float. We gather that murder made him feel alive, for a while, but then the adrenaline wore off and he resurfaced to a reality where everyone around him was dealing with the consequences of his action, so he didn't have to. Layne is cut from the same cloth as those who want to protect rapists, because why ruin this young man's future? Matt, who is almost comically courteous to Clarissa even post-coitus, is of a quieter but stronger fabric. Layne will speak for the soul-dead living; Matt will let the dead speak for herself. Like *Out of the Blue*, *River's Edge* is depressive but piercing — it stings and leaves a bruise.

the Boys' / Girls' State Convention sponsored by the American Legion's Florence Eastman Post 280, **June 11-17**, at Stonehill College in North Easton.

Lawrence DiCara, Esquire, will be sponsoring Reagan Rock, Markus Pierre and Jacksen Martin. In addition, the Mattapoissett Woman's Club will be sponsoring Failenn Fitzpatrick. The American Legion Florence Eastman Post 280 will be sponsoring Theodore Carroll and Paige Fuller. Lastly, the Machacum Club will be sponsoring Colin Carroll.

To be eligible for Boys' / Girls' State, a student must be a member of the junior class who has achieved high academic success. Delegates must also show evidence of leadership ability and an interest in the democratic process. At the convention, delegates will study local and state government. They will establish and operate their own cities and towns and state government in miniature. This will include forming two political parties, holding conventions, nominating candidates, conducting campaigns and electing officials. The primary goal of Boys' / Girls' State is for attendees to develop a better understanding of how State Government functions.

Mattapoissett Library Artist Series

Come to the Mattapoissett Library from **May 15-June 14** to see crafts and artwork by three generations of a local family. Luz Gabriela Jackivicz has been a crafter for many years and creates beautiful quilts and baskets. Luzga Jackivicz takes photographs, drawn to how people see the same photo differently. Kristina Faison is surrounded by what inspired her to create and makes sea glass and driftwood creations. Kylie Faison has turned her love for animals and passion for art into watercolor pet portraits, capturing the personality of each animal in the portrait. As they point out, they are a family of crafters and artists and their talents overlap!

The library is handicapped accessible and programs are free and open to the public.

ORRHS Senior Class Events

- May 16:** Senior Locker Cleanout; Bulldog Block
- May 19/20:** Last Day of Classes, only blocks 1 and 2 on



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5/20

- May 20:** Senior Picnic, dismissed after block 2
- May 23-26:** Senior Final Exams
- May 31:** Senior Prom, 6:30-10 pm
- June 2:** Graduation Rehearsal, 9:00 am
- June 2:** Senior Awards Night, 6:30 pm
- June 3:** Senior Assembly, 9:00 am
- June 3:** Senior Walk, immediately following Senior Assembly
- June 3:** Senior Parade, 6:30 pm
- June 4:** Graduation, 12 pm

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights May 1-May 7

- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – General service
- Dexter Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Front St – MV stop/arrest
- Washburn Park Rd – General offense
- Planting Island Rd – Parking
- Deer Run – Assist other police dept
- Cove's End Rd – Suspicious activity
- Ryders Ln – Suspicious activity
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Emergency services
- Front St – Suspicious activity
- Spring St - Fraud
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Converse Rd - Fraud
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Larceny/past
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Dorna Way – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Lost property
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- County Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Suspicious person

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights May 1-May 7

- North St – MV violations
- Wolf Island Rd – Suspicious MV
- Reservation Rd - Vandalism
- Channing Rd – MV crash
- Martin Ave – Animal control
- Pine Island Rd – Assist citizen
- Marina Dr - Complaint
- North St – MV violations
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Acushnet Rd – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – Summons service
- County Rd - Threats
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- Wildwood Ter – General service
- County Rd – 911 call
- Hillers Cove Ln – Follow up
- Randall Rd – Harassing phone calls
- Harbor Nk Rd – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd – Follow up
- Boat Rock Rd – Assist citizen
- Acushnet Rd – Unwanted person
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Marina Dr - Threats
- Water St – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – Missing person
- Baker Ln – Medical/assist
- Marion Rd – Protective custody

ROCHESTER

Log highlights May 1-May 7

- North Ave – Erratic MV
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- Cushman Rd - Disturbance
- Cushman Rd - Medical
- Dexter Ln – 911 call
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – Suspicious item
- Gerrish Rd - Harassment
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Walnut Plain Rd – 911 call
- Dexter Ln – Assist other agency
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- Pine St – MV collision
- Allen Rd - Harassment
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Neck Rd – Lost animal
- Snipatuit Rd – 911 call
- Mattapoisett Rd – 911 call
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Marion Rd – Well being check
- Cranberry Hwy - Transport
- Burgess Ave – Well being check
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Message
- Hartley Rd - Burglary

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, May 16: Chicken a la vodka, penne pasta, Italian blend vegetable, scali bread, Mandarin oranges

Tuesday, May 17: Shepherd's pie, glazed carrots, multigrain roll, chocolate chip cookie, diet: graham wafer

Wednesday, May 18: Pork tetrazzini, California blend, wheat roll, peaches

Thursday, May 19: Honey mustard chicken, rice medley, mixed veggies, honey wheat bread, banana

Friday, May 20: Breaded fish sandwich, tartar sauce, au gratin potato, chuckwagon vegetables, hamburger bun, pears

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, May 16: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, May 17: Taco nacho platter, black bean & corn salad

Wednesday, May 18: Warm egg & cheese croissant, hashbrown patty, crazy carrots

Thursday, May 19: Homemade chicken pot pie, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, whole grain dinner roll

Friday, May 20: Cheeses pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, May 16: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, May 17: Taco nacho platter, black bean & corn salad

Wednesday, May 18: Warm egg & cheese croissant, hashbrown patty, crazy carrots

Thursday, May 19: Homemade chicken pot pie, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, whole grain dinner roll

Friday, May 20: Cheeses pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, May 16: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, May 17: Taco nacho

platter, black bean & corn salad

Wednesday, May 18: Warm egg & cheese croissant, hashbrown patty, crazy carrots

Thursday, May 19: Salisbury steak, creamy mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole grain dinner roll

Friday, May 20: Cheeses pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, May 16: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, May 17: Taco nacho platter, black bean & corn salad

Wednesday, May 18: Warm egg & cheese croissant, hashbrown patty, crazy carrots

Thursday, May 19: Homemade chicken pot pie, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, whole grain dinner roll

Friday, May 20: Cheeses pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, May 16: Kayem hot dog

on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, May 17: Taco nacho platter, black bean & corn salad

Wednesday, May 18: Warm egg & cheese croissant, hashbrown patty, crazy carrots

Thursday, May 19: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup, chilled cucumber coins

Friday, May 20: Cheeses pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, May 16: Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & biscuit

Tuesday, May 17: Mozzarella sticks, fries, marinara sauce & bread

Wednesday, May 18: Chicken broccoli alfredo & garlic bread

Thursday, May 19: Shredded buffalo chicken sandwich & fries

Friday, May 20: Assorted pizza

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In the fall, Edward will attend Boston College and will major in Business Administration. Paul will attend Southern Maine University and will major in Mechanical Engineering. Both students are being recognized for their outstanding community service, academic excellence and future goals.

Funds for these awards are raised through the efforts of the Mattapoisett Lions Club's annual Harbor



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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Marion Select Board candidates Toby Burr and Ed Hoffer shared the stage on Friday at the Music Hall in a candidates' event organized by The Wanderer and moderated by Jim Bride of the Sippican Lands Trust. Planning Board candidates Tucker Burr, Andrew Daniel and W. Dale Jones also participated. Photos by Mick Colageo



Chalk Art covered the sidewalk outside Center School for Teacher/Staff Appreciation. Photos courtesy Erin Bednarczyk



Rather than attending a brunch or family breakfast, several mothers (and some disgruntled teens) supported the Old Rochester Regional High School Junior Class through a calm and sweaty yoga class. Led by Elke Pierre, the class boasted a full house and was influenced by the theme of motherhood. Ms. Pierre not only hosted, but taught, deejayed and planned the yoga as a huge donation of time and effort to her son Markus Pierre's class. After seeing their activities struck by COVID-19 through their freshmen and sophomore school years, the Class of 2023 has been playing catch-up, trying to create as many events as possible to lower costs for their senior-year events. After seeing the success of Mother's Day yoga, class president Gabby Berg says, "More yoga is definitely in our future; Elke and I discussed glo-yoga and beach yoga and with the success of today's yoga class, we are excited to plan more dates that maybe different groups can come to!" With that said, join the ORR Class of 2023 Facebook page to find out about those upcoming dates, and reach out to the class if you have any fundraiser ideas or projects! Photo courtesy of Kathleen Dunn

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Marion Town Party

The Marion Town Party will be held beginning at 4:00 pm on Saturday, **August 27** at Silvershell Beach. There will be food and beverages for sale, music and fun for the kids.

For up to date information please "Like" our Facebook page – Marion Town Party. We will have more

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details to share in the coming weeks. We look forward to celebrating with you!

The Rochester Historical Society is Really into Stones

In May and June, the Rochester Historical Society will be talking area stones. On **May 18** at 7:00 pm, Rochester resident, Steve DiMarzo, will present a program on the ancient carvings on area rocks that he has studied and documented. The program will be at the Rochester Historical Museum, 355 County Road.

Turning to a different type of stone, Jeff Stevens will present a talk on the meaning of tombstone carvings

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The first Opening Day since 2019 brought out Old Rochester Youth Baseball League players and their families on Saturday morning in Rochester. A parade began at the Dexter Lane baseball complex and made its way to Gifford Park, where ORYB's David Arancio recognized the many years of service from Derek Mello, Peter Vieira and David Nelson, who all threw ceremonial first pitches. Players in their final season were also recognized, and Sippican Elementary School student Sophia Crippin, 10, sang the national anthem. Photos by Mick Colageo



On May 6, volunteers from the Mattapoissett Land Trust planted over two dozen sunflower seedlings in a row along Route 6 at Dunseith Park, just in front of Salty the Seahorse. Don Cuddy donated the seedlings and organized the planting as a symbolic gesture of MLT standing in solidarity with the people of Ukraine. This summer, it is anticipated that the plants will grow to noticeable heights. Photos courtesy of Mattapoissett Land Trust

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in colonial New England cemeteries and be **June 15** at 7:00 pm.

A special event will be held on **June 12** at 1:00. There will be a guided tour of the Rochester Center Cemetery. There is not a lot of parking at the cemetery, but attendees can park at Plum Corner or at the Senior Center. Any questions about these events can be directed to Connie Eshbach at eshbach2@aol.com or call 508 763 4932. We're hoping to see a lot of you at these upcoming events.

The MAC Theater Announces Auditions for August Play

The Marion Art Center Theater announces open auditions for the upcoming production of Rabbit Hole written by David Lindsay-Abaire. Synopsis: Becca and Howie Corbett have everything a family could want, until a life-shattering accident turns their world upside down and leaves the couple drifting perilously apart. "Rabbit Hole" charts their bittersweet search for comfort in the darkest of places and for a path that will lead them back into the light of day.

Director Kate Fishman will be casting five roles: one male and one female able to play late thirties/early forties, one female able to play early thirties, one female able to play mid-sixties and one male able to play a seventeen-year old boy. Character descriptions and more information can be found at marionartcenter.org/auditions.

Auditions will be held at the Marion Art Center on Saturday, **May 21** from 1:00 pm-3:00pm and on **Sunday, May 22** from 1:00-3:00pm. The MAC is located at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion. Only fully vaccinated actors will be considered for roles. Please wear a mask to auditions. Performance dates are scheduled **August 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28**.

The MAC Theater Announces June Play

The MAC Theater is pleased to present its second production of the season, outdoors in Bicentennial Park, Marion (located across the street from the Marion Art Center). This project is generously supported by a grant from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency (massculturalcouncil.org.) Show Dates are **June 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, & 18**. Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 6:30 pm, while Sunday matinees will begin at 2:00 pm. Attendees should bring their own chairs. In case of cancellation due to rain, ticket holders may choose another date or request a refund. Tickets are \$18 for MAC members, on sale now, and \$20 for nonmembers, on sale as of **Friday, May 13**. Purchase tickets at marionartcenter.org/events.

The June production features four one-act plays by David Ives, from his comedic collection All in the Timing. Words, Words, Words, directed by Shelia McManus, recalls the philosophical adage that three monkeys typing into infinity will sooner or later produce

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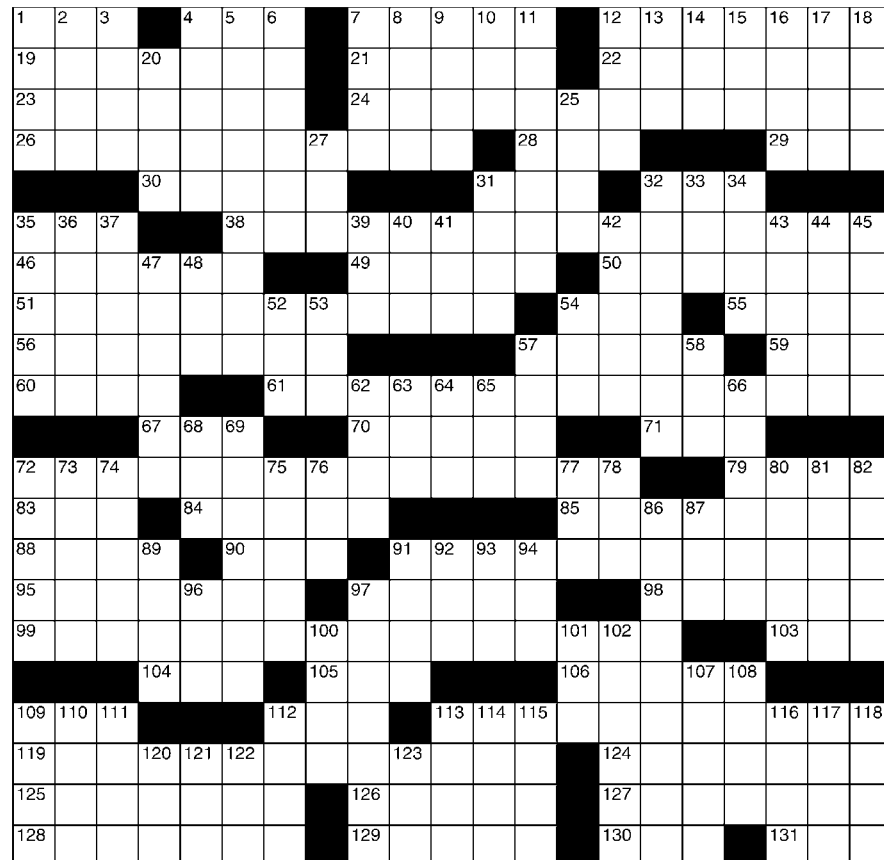
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You Ewes and Rams will find your ideas cheered by a mostly receptive flock. Those few dissenters could well be turned around by your charm and powers of persuasion.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's time for the bold and beautiful Bovine to shake off the dust of the past and shape up with new ideas for the future. This could surprise some folks, but they'll soon adjust.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Those nagging new doubts about an upcoming decision should alert you to step back (at least temporarily) so you can reassess its potential impact from a new perspective.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That unpleasant situation you hoped would go away by itself needs immediate attention before it affects an upcoming decision. Expect your supporters to rally around your cause.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're moving up and away from that recent setback. But remain cautious about finances. An exercise in thrift today helps cushion a possible end-of-the-month money squeeze.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're still dealing with overtones of pessimism that cause you to doubt your ability to make some needed changes. But the negative pressures will ease up by week's end.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There could be some fallout from the way you handled a recent family problem. But those who know that you were in the right won't hesitate to step in on your behalf.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Financial strains ease by week's end. Meanwhile, focus on cultivating that new relationship if you hope to have it blossom into something more meaningful.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Health matters once again dominate the week. Be careful not to ignore recurrences of an old problem. An almost-forgotten commitment resurfaces.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The emergence of an unusual selfish streak could dismay those close to you. Defy it -- don't justify it -- so you can become your gracious self again.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reassess your decision to stay with the status quo. It might seem like the sensible thing to do right now, but changes around you could make that choice a risky one.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Move decisively but cautiously when dealing with a delicate personal matter. The fewer mistakes you make now, the less likely it is that the problem will recur later on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can find beauty where many cannot. And you enjoy sharing your discovery with others.

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Hamlet and asks: What would monkeys talk about at their typewriters? The Philadelphia, directed by Linda Costa, presents two friends in a restaurant who have fallen into "a Philadelphia," a Twilight Zone-like state in which they cannot get anything they ask for. Sure Thing, directed by Donn Tyler, features two people who meet in a café and find their way through a conversational minefield of false starts, gaffes, and faux pas on the way to falling in love. And Variations on the Death of Trotsky, directed by Kate Fishman, shows us the Russian revolutionary on the day of his demise, desperately trying to cope with the mountain-climber's axe he's discovered in his head. The cast includes Melissa Bessey, Jack Boesen, Scott Fishman, Jessica Harris, Brennan McKiernan, Bill Miller, Gary Sousa, and Maura Van Voris, with Steven McManus as sound technician.

MAC seeks Auction Donations for Fundraiser

Cocktails by the Sea, the Marion Art Center's premier summer fundraiser, returns on Friday, **July 29** from 5:30-9:00 pm at 1 West Drive in Marion. The waterfront event will include a silent auction, open bar, light hors d'oeuvres, live music and more! Tickets, just \$95 per person, will go on sale in late May.

The MAC is seeking contributions for the silent auction to be held at the event. The fundraising committee is calling for high quality donations – artwork, jewelry, antique or unique items, experience packages, gift baskets and more. To contribute, please call the MAC at 508-748-1266 or email info@marionartcenter.org.

Special thanks to our 2022 hosts and sponsors for supporting this event. All fundraiser proceeds benefit the MAC's ongoing operations, programming and community outreach. Donations to the summer fundraiser (of any size) are appreciated for those who cannot attend the event. To learn more about the MAC's programming and mission, visit marionartcenter.org.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Sign up for the Third Annual Tables of Content Fundraiser event! \$65 per person, all proceeds benefit the Elizabeth Taber Library. Event dates, **June 17 & June 26**. Registration Deadline, **May 13**.

The recipe for a perfect evening! A fundraising event that pairs a delicious dinner in a Marion neighbors' home with a lively book discussion. Check our website for more information including title choices. Get your registration form at the library or online at www.elizabethtablerlibrary.org/Pages/Index/182598/upcoming-events

Lego Club, Thursday, 4 pm, May-September - Lego club is back! Join us Thursdays at 4 pm in the library courtyard for child-led play, open to all ages. This is a drop-in activity. We provide the Legos, you provide the creativity! Oversized Legos available for young children.

Lego club will be held indoors in case of bad weather.

Storytime in the Courtyard Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:30 am - All ages are invited to listen and play at our twice weekly outdoor story times. Story times will be held indoors in case of bad weather.

True Crime Book Club Hosted by Jay Pateakos Thursdays at 6:30 - Join us for a Thursday evening book club centered on thrilling and chilling true crime stories. Contact the library for more information.

Summer Reading is coming! Summer reading kick-off event Saturday **June 25** 12-3 pm. The summer reading adventure begins on **June 25** with a visit from a portable climbing wall and free ice cream! Little ones are invited to our summer splash event with splash pads, kiddie pools, sprinklers and more!

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library, visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org

Mattapoisett Lions Club Electronics Recycling

The Mattapoisett Lions Club, Inc. is hosting an Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, **May 21** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at 22 County Road, (Route 6), Mattapoisett next to Jack's Kitchen.

Prices vary depending on the type of electronics being dropped off. \$45 per carload maximum for all Donation Requested items. This does not include the following Donation Required items: \$35 each for all TV's

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<p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #804</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 26, 2022 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Frank Fletcher, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1B of the zoning by-law to allow a change of use from M (Retail) to A-2 (Restaurant) to establish a Thai restaurant.</p> <p>The property, located at 290 Front Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 13 as Lot 42. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 5/5, 5/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm. This meeting is IN PERSON.</p> <p>Case #1490: Application of: Peter Asci & Hannah Rose Asci, 9 Highland Avenue, PC Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE:9 Highland Avenue, PC. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.1., 3.1.2 and 3.2.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to demolish and rebuild a single-family FEMA compliant dwelling. The property is further described as Plot 2A, Lot 30, on the Assessors Map.</p> <p>The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 19, 2022 Case #1491: Application of: Richard Boynton, 296 Mohawk Road, Raynham, MA 02767 RE:32 Church Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.1.2.1, and 3.1.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to construct a 13'X 24' addition with deck. The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 130, on the Assessors Map.</p> <p>The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 19, 2022 Case #1492: Application of: David Ricci, 51 Howard Street, Watertown, MA 02472 RE:0 Cove Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.1.2.1, and 3.1.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to construct a 980 square foot FEMA compliant dwelling. The property is further described as Plot 1, Lot 5, on the Assessors Map.</p> <p>The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 19, 2022 Case #1493: Application of: Dennis Mahoney & Sons, Inc, P.O. Box 417, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE: 0 North Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under section 5.7, and 9.4.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to construct a Photovoltaic array. The property is further described as Plot 18, Lot portion of 16C, subplot 3, on the Assessors Map.</p> <p>The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 19, 2022 Case #1494: Application of: Long Built Homes, 158 Charles McComb Boulevard, New Bedford MA 02745 RE: 0 Wildwood Terrace. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under section</p>	<p>6.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to construct a Single-family dwelling. The property is further described as Plot 17, Lot 195, on the Assessors Map.</p> <p>The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 19, 2022 Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.</p> <p>Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chairperson Mary Anne Brogan Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Anthony Tranfaglia 5/5, 5/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #805</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:45 pm on Thursday, May 26, 2022 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Paul G. and Linda L. Vivino, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1C of the zoning by-law to allow alterations to a nonconforming structure that will not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood as allowed under section 230-7.1, 230-7.2 and 230-7.3.</p> <p>The property, located at 12 West Avenue, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 3 as Lot 3. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 5/5, 5/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Michael J. Livingstone, 20 Old Mattapoisett Neck Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to add sand annually to replace erosion. The project is located at 20 Old Mattapoisett Neck Road, and is further identified as Lot 3 on Assessor Map 12. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 5/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Daniel & Kimberlee Noshold, 15 Snowfields Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to expand existing deck to meet up with an above ground pool. Deck will be 75 ft from wetlands. The project is located at 15 Snowfields Road, and is further identified as Lot 26 on Assessor Map 28. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 5/12</p> <hr/> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROJECT: Eel Pond Sewer Force Main Replacement Project LOCATION: East of Reservation Road in vicinity</p>	<p>of Goodspeed Island Road, Mattapoisett PROponent: Mattapoisett Water and Sewer Department The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before May 16, 2022.</p> <p>This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA," M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62L). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from: Tighe & Bond, c/o Jessica Roberts 53 Southampton Road, Westfield, MA Email:jbroberts@tighebond.com / Phone: (413) 875-1303</p> <p>Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Mattapoisett (Municipality).</p> <p>The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, receive public comments on the project, and then decide if an Environmental Impact Report is required. A site visit and/or remote consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit and/or remote consultation session, should email MEPA@mass.gov or the MEPA analyst listed in the Environmental Monitor. Requests for language translation or other accommodations should be directed to the same email address. Mail correspondence should be directed to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project. By Henri Renauld, Superintendent, Mattapoisett Water and Sewer Department 5/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Tracey White. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.</p> <p>The Applicant proposes the placement of sand on a Coastal Beach as nourishment.</p> <p>The proposed work will be performed on a Coastal Beach and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El. 18).</p> <p>The property is located at 70 Aucoot Road which is further identified as Lot #87 on Assessors Map #3. 5/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Notice of Intent submitted by Rose & Mark Robert, 17 Ned's Point Road in Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes to construct a 32'x30' pool house with driveway and 16'x32' in-ground pool with patio within 100-feet of a bordering vegetated wetland. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 5/12</p>

\$20 each for all computers, laptops, tablets, monitors

For more information and further details on pricing, visit Mattapoisett Lions Club on Facebook or by visiting the website

ORCTV 2022 Annual Meeting

Old Rochester Community Television will hold its annual meeting on Monday, **June 6** at 5:00 pm at the ORCTV Studio located at 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett. This meeting will include the election of members to the organization's Board of Directors.

2022 Board of Director's Nomination Slate

Marion Nominee - Bill Tilden - 2 yr. term

Rochester Nominee - Erin Bednarczyk - 2 yr. term

Mattapoisett Nominee - Tim Smith - 2 yr. term

Membership Seat - Nancy Sparklin - 1 yr. term

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

After our April meeting when some members brought pictures of places that are gone, I started thinking of some of the buildings that were a part of Rochester history, but are no longer here and wondering what became of some of them. If we go back to 1710, there was Whitehall, also known as the White House. It was the imposing residence of Samuel Prince. While not one of the original proprietors, Prince, early on bought

up many lots and at one time was Rochester's largest landowner, he was active in the community until moving to Middleboro in 1723. After the Prince family moved, the house stood empty for many years. It is said that during the Revolutionary War, the floorboards were removed before the house was demolished. The boards were used "to procure materials for making saltpeter for use of the army."

The Savory house which many consider to have been Rochester's oldest house was at some time dismantled and the pieces were taken to Barnstable and are believed to be part of the Patuxet Trading Post. Of all the town's buildings, those that housed mill machinery seem to have fared the worst. Rochester had many mills, among them the Sippican, Church, Hathaway, Rounseville, and Stillwater Mills. Some, like Rounseville's burned, while others succumbed to the ravages of time. The only building at the original Hartley Sawmill site is the office, but Henry Hartley has given that mill new life on Vaughan Hill Rd.

While the Union Meeting House, a Methodist church is no longer around having been destroyed by fire, we are lucky to still have three historic church buildings in town. They are the First Congregational Church of Rochester whose current building was erected in 1837, the North Rochester Congregational Church constructed around 1841 and the East Rochester Congregational Church built in 1857 and now home to the Rochester



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<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 7:10 pm (via Zoom*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Benjamin Fiske, to construct a standard four wall shed at 27 Fieldstone Lane.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 23 on Marion Assessors' Map 24A. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun P. Walsh, Chair *Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 5/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Request for a Determination Applicability submitted by Mark & Jeanne Connon. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.</p> <p>The Applicants propose to install 53 ft. of 6" SDR 35 sewer pipe from the existing garage to the existing E-One grinder pump basin. Said work will occur within the existing stone driveway and lawn areas. All work will also be performed within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Salt Marsh and Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (E1. 17).</p> <p>The property is located at 65 Mattapoisett Neck Road which is further identified as Lot #15 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #12. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 5/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 4:15 pm in the meeting room of the Marion Police Department at 550 Mill Street on the variance request submitted by Charon Associates, Inc. pertaining to the property located at 406 Point Road, further identified as Map 2, Lot 16.</p> <p>The following variances are requested from Mass. Title 5:</p> <p>Section 15.211: To allow the wall of the proposed addition to be built 2 feet from the existing septic tank.</p> <p>Section 15.221 (7): To allow the top of the septic tank to be more than 3 feet below finish grade</p> <p>Dot M. Brown, AB, MS, MEd, Chairman Public participation in this meeting via remote option can be facilitated by contacting Maureen Murphy at mmurphy@marionma.gov or at 508-748-3530 prior to the meeting. 5/12, 5/19</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>A public hearing has been scheduled for May 24, 2022, at 6:35 p.m. in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA and ZOOM, upon the application of Rustico LLC, 62 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 requesting a transfer of All Alcohol Beverage License and applying for an Entertainment License and Common Victualler's License.</p> <p>Manager of record to be Jessica Moore. Mattapoisett Select Board Jordan C. Collyer, Chairman Jodi L Bauer, Vice Chair R. Tyler Macallister, Clerk 5/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Jeff Himawan, PO Box 1413, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.</p> <p>The Applicants propose to install 53 ft. of 6" SDR 35 sewer pipe from the existing garage to the existing E-One grinder pump basin. Said work will occur within the existing stone driveway and lawn areas. All work will also be performed within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Salt Marsh and Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (E1. 17).</p> <p>The property is located at 10 Point Road in mattapoisett which is further identified as Lot 156, 157 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map 2A. Mattapoisett Conservation Commission 5/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>The Rochester Board of Health held a Public Hearing on May 4, 2022 to approve the fees for permits and services under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 31. These fees are effective as of May 12, 2022.</p> <table> <tr><td>Bakery</td><td>\$50.00</td><td>CHANGE</td></tr> <tr><td>Cabins, Motels, Camps</td><td>\$150.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Catering</td><td>\$25.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Commercial Haulers</td><td>\$200.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Food Service (Annual)</td><td>\$150.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Food Service (Seasonal)</td><td>\$75.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Frozen Dessert</td><td>\$30.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Installer</td><td>\$150.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Mobile Food</td><td>\$50.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Offal Permit</td><td>\$200.00</td><td>CHANGE</td></tr> <tr><td>Perc Test (New Construction)</td><td>\$300.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Perc Test Repair</td><td>\$200.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Plan Review (Bldg. permits)</td><td>\$50.00</td><td>CHANGE</td></tr> <tr><td>Plan Review (Food Estab.)</td><td>\$50.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Plan Review (Retail Food)</td><td>\$50.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Residential Kitchen</td><td>\$50.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Retail Food</td><td>\$100.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Septic Permit</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>(New Construction)</td><td>\$200.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Septic Permit (Repair)</td><td>\$150.00</td><td>CHANGE</td></tr> <tr><td>Septic Permit (Revs Fee)</td><td>\$50.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Septic Permit</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>(Single Component)</td><td>\$100.00</td><td>No Change</td></tr> <tr><td>Site Plan Rev Bldg. 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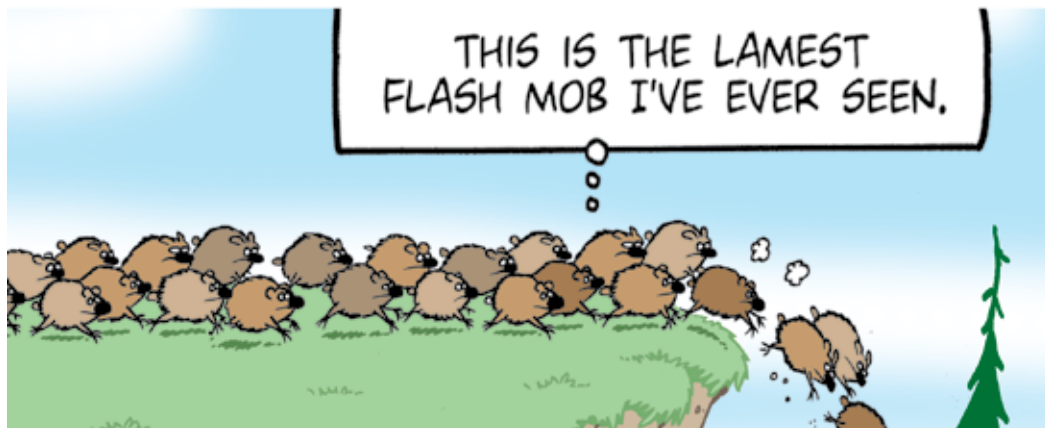
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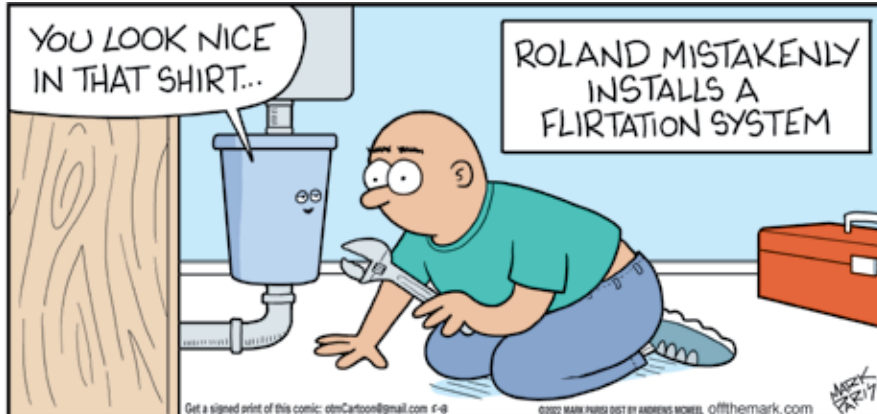
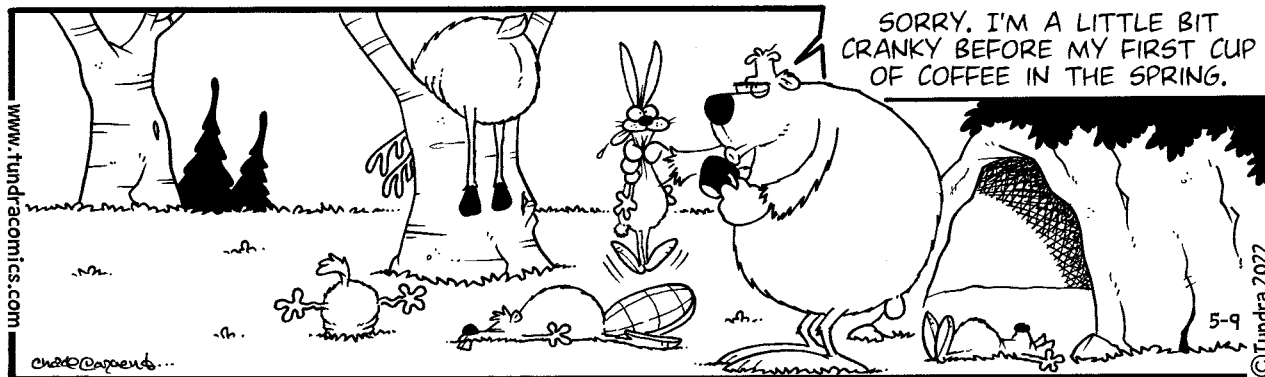
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**Marion's Memorial Day
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The 2022 Memorial Day Remembrances and

Procession will take place on Monday, **May 30** starting at 9:00 am in front of the Music Hall at 164 Front Street, Marion. In the event of rain, the event will be relocated to the Multipurpose Room of Sippican Elementary School.

The 2022 procession and remembrances will follow same route as in past years, stepping off from the Music Hall northbound on Front Street, marching 0.6 miles up Front Street to the Veterans' Memorial at Old Landing. Upon arrival at the Veterans' Memorial, the town will pay tribute to our military's "honored dead" who "gave the last full measure of devotion."

The procession and remembrances will feature the Sippican School Marching Band led by director Hannah Moore as well as The Portuguese American Band.

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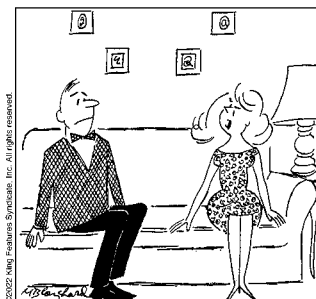
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TODAY'S WORD



"Did you have anything in mind besides
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Our Guest Speaker is Jack McLean, author of *Loon: A Maine Story* and United States Marine Corps Veteran. The ceremony will conclude with members of the Select Board laying a wreath at the Veterans' Memorial. The master of ceremonies for the event will be Major Andrew Bonney of the Massachusetts Air National Guard.

The featured speaker is Jack McLean, author of *Loon: A Marine Story* (Random House, 2009,) a National Best-Selling memoir about his service in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1968. He served as an infantry corporal in Vietnam in 1967-1968. In the fall of 1968, he became the first Vietnam War combat veteran to matriculate at Harvard University. His thirty-year marketing career began with the New York Mets. After subsequent stops in Boston, Portland, Charlotte and Washington, DC, he became the Founding Managing Partner of the Greater Washington Initiative. Jack has recently completed his second book, *Three Survivors: A Veteran Story*.

Raised in Summit, NJ, Jack is married, has three daughters, seven grandchildren and one dog. He currently resides in Huntington, NY.

We encourage Residents to join us for the remembrances as well as stand along the procession parade route on Front Street between Cottage Street and Ryder Lane.

Free Community Shred Event

A free, community Shred Event will be held on Saturday, **June 4**, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center parking lot, 465 Mill Street, Marion. Securely dispose of your unwanted papers and keep your identity safe and out of the trash. This is a free event. We do ask that you bring a non-perishable donation for the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center Food Pantry.

LWV Luncheon

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast will celebrate its Inaugural meeting with a special luncheon and distinguished speaker at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, New Bedford on Thursday, **May 19** at 12:30 pm.

Ms. Korinn Petersen, Esq., vice president for Clean Water Advocacy at the Buzzards Bay Coalition, will discuss her advocacy work on behalf of the Coalition in town halls, state and federal agencies and in state and federal courts. Ms. Petersen's focus is the long-term sustainable use of Buzzards Bay by managing both local and regional projects designed to reduce nitrogen pollution from wastewater.

Ms. Petersen is admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with a BS degree, cum laude, in Resource Economics. She received a Master of Studies in Environmental Law, cum laude, and

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Be a part of history, visit our website and help us unveil the League's new governance model at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, New Bedford on Thursday, **May 19** at 12:30 pm.

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast champions Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. As always, the League welcomes new members.

To register for the luncheon and program, contact the League at: lwvsouthcoast@gmail.com by May 10, 2022. To view the Luncheon/Banquet menu and cost, go to: wamsuttaclub.org/functions-banquets-weddings/, scroll down to luncheons and banquets. A cash bar will be available.

Marion Garden Group Plant Sale

The Marion Garden Group is hosting its biannual Plant Sale on Saturday, **May 14** from 9 am to 12 noon, at Bicentennial Park, located across the street from the Marion Art Center.

The plant sale is a wonderful community service, providing a wide variety of plants at fabulously low prices. Plants will range from as little as \$3 to \$10.

Members have been digging, dividing and repotting a wide selection of beautiful perennial plants, herbs and shrubs that have thrived in their local gardens as well as in the town gardens sponsored by the garden group. In addition, a wonderful selection of popular herbs and veggies have been started by Chrissy Maier especially for the sale.

"We have a generous supply of hardy and well-established plants," reports Liz Hatch, President of the Marion Garden Group. They include lilies, daisies, trees, ornamental grasses, astilbes, russian sage, mums, iris, hydrangea, roses, sedum and ferns and much more!

"How wonderful that these plants," says Ms. Hatch, "will provide years of continued enjoyment. They have been proven to thrive in our coastal climate and sandy soil. What a pleasure to prepare these plants to share with our neighbors at such an affordable price. It certainly is a community service and labor of love to bring this to the townspeople."

Plant information and pictures will be provided for most of the varieties for sale. In addition, there will be an informational component to warn and inform about one of our biggest dangers in Marion – Ticks! Come buy and learn!

The plant sale has been a popular event, typically selling out quickly. Mark your calendar and come early.

All proceeds from the Marion Garden Group sale benefit the town. The Marion Garden Group plants and maintains the window boxes and planters throughout the village, they have established and maintain many lushly landscaped garden beds for the town and support many local worthy causes, all for the benefit of the town. Please come out and support our initiatives to do more for the town.

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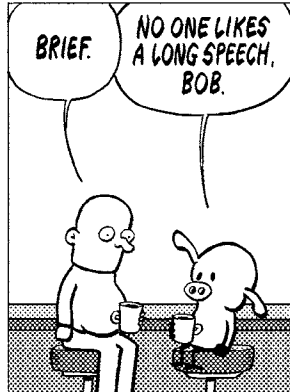
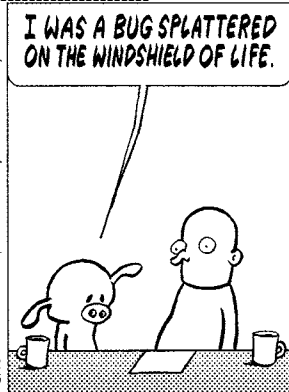
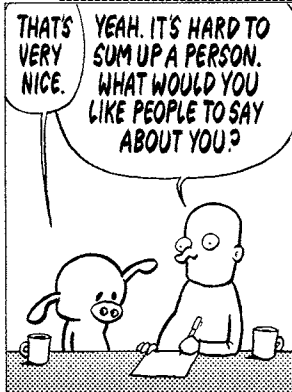
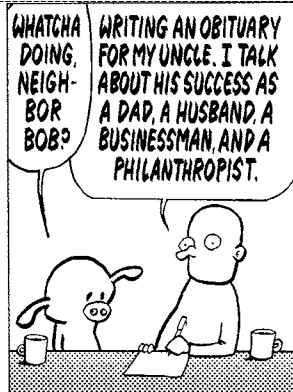
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The non-profit organization welcomes donations to help support its mission. Contact them at Marion Garden Group, PO Box 403, Marion, MA 02738 or visit their website at: www.mariongardengroup.org.

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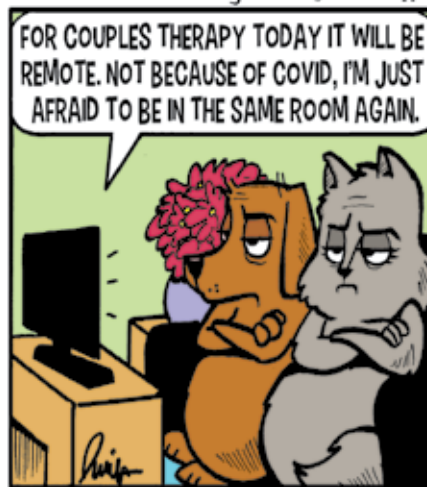
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2022 Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race

The Rochester Fire Department will again sponsor the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race this year and with a lot of similarities to races that took place a few years ago and previously.

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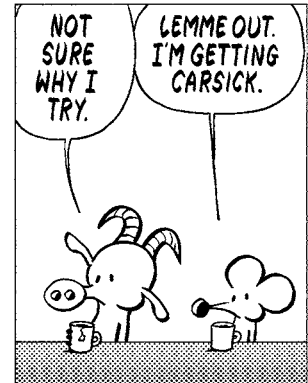
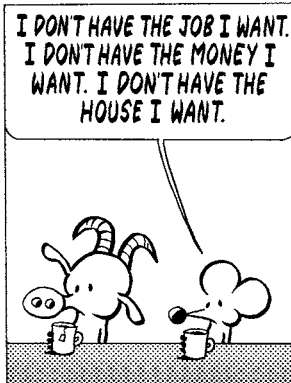
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



program will be on Memorial Day evening but with a change in venue this year to the Rochester COA (RCOA), Senior Center at 67 Dexter's Lane.

The traditional Ham and Bean Supper will take place at the RCOA Senior Center, Saturday, **May 28**, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, offering a choice of sit-down dining or take-out meals.

There will be raffles for two carbon-fiber racing paddles made by Bill Watling III. Tickets will be sold at the registration session and at the Ham & Bean supper. The winners will be drawn at the supper.

The Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race on the Mattapoissett River will take place on Monday, **May 30**, starting at 8:30 am at Grandma Hartley's Reservoir, Snipatuit Road, in Rochester and finishing at the Mattapoissett Herring Weir at River Road and Route 6.

The minimum age for contestants is seven years old on Memorial Day. There will be two persons to a boat. The boat must be a homemade river racer design of any material you choose. There are no limitations or restrictions on types of paddles.

Divisions include open/men's, women's, junior boys, junior girls, co-ed and parent/child. Junior division teams are both contestants under 14 years old. Parent/child is for a parent with his/her child (child under 14 years old) or an adult (25 or older) with a child (child under 14 years old.) Trophies are awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each division.

Preregistration is required. Only one registration session will be held at the RCOA Senior Center, Friday, **May 20**, 6:30 – 8:00. Starting positions will be assigned or drawn after the registration closes. A signed registration form must be submitted by each contestant for a team to be eligible for a starting position. Registration forms and rules may be obtained at Lloyd's Market, at Art's house, 319 Cushman Road or at the registration session or email Art (artbenner@comcast.net) and request forms.

You may deliver the completed forms to 319 Cushman Road. Or, you may return the forms by email, but you must bring the original, signed forms to the registration session or to the start of the race **May 30**. Or, you may return them by regular mail (USPS.) If returned by email or USPS mail, you'll get acknowledgment that they were received. If you don't get a reply from Art,



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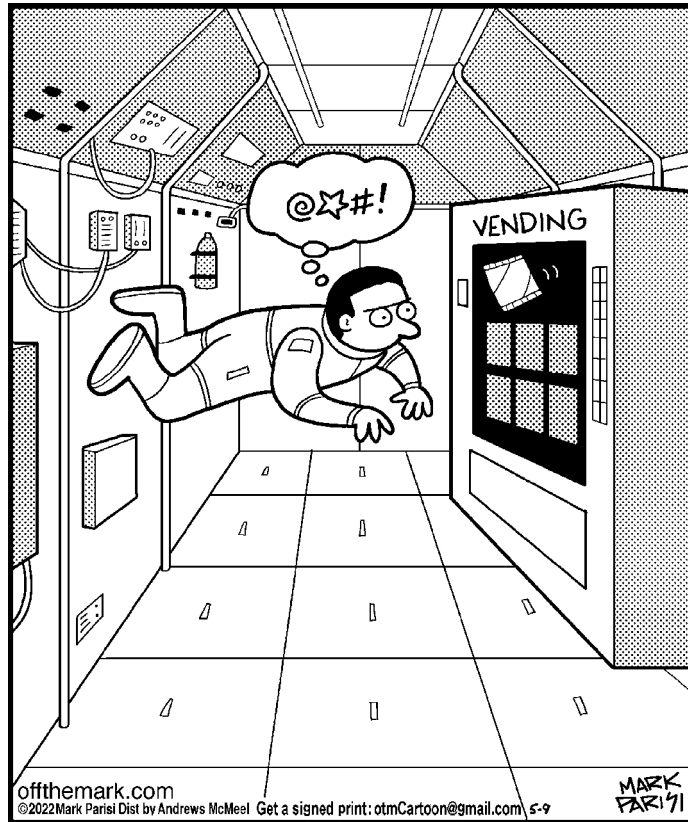
assume the forms were not received and hand deliver a set. Registration forms must be in the Committee's hands by Friday, **May 20**, 8:00 PM in order for last year's teams to be assigned a starting position based on last year's finish position or for new teams to draw a starting position this year.

For further information, contact Boat Race Chairman, Arthur F. Benner, 508-763-2024 or email: artbenner@comcast.net. Check Facebook 'Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race' for updated info.

Mattapoissett Road Race

After being delayed for 2 years due to Covid, the Fourth of July, 5 mile, Mattapoissett Road Race is ready to celebrate its 50th running. Started in 1971 by Bob and Doris Gardner, 15 runners raced from Point Connett to Shipyard Park. Over the years, the route has changed a few times, and now, over 1000 runners start at Shipyard Park, run through the village and around Ned's Point Lighthouse and finish at Shipyard Park. Townspeople line the course and cheer on their friends and family. Proceeds from the race are used to fund awards for college-bound senior athletes from Old Rochester Regional High School. Over the years, more than \$150,000 has been given to deserving students from Mattapoissett, Marion and Rochester. This year, the stipends will be offered to graduates from the classes of 2020 and 2021 who did not already receive an award, as well as 2022 graduates. Go to mattapoissettroadrace.com for race registration and the application form for the College Stipends.

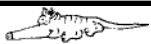
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Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	May 12	5:19	5:54	11:25	
Friday	May 13	6:14	6:43	12:04	12:04
Saturday	May 14	7:05	7:30	12:51	12:44
Sunday	May 15	7:54	8:18	1:39	1:27
Monday	May 16	8:44	9:07	2:28	2:13
Tuesday	May 17	9:35	9:58	3:20	3:02
Wednesday	May 18	10:28	10:52	4:11	3:53
Thursday	May 19	11:24	11:50	5:02	4:45
Friday	May 20		12:22	5:57	5:41
Saturday	May 21	12:50	1:23	7:12	6:50
Sunday	May 22	1:50	2:23	8:46	8:55
Monday	May 23	2:49	3:23	9:51	10:25
Tuesday	May 24	3:50	4:24	10:40	11:24
Wednesday	May 25	4:51	5:24	11:15	
Thursday	May 26	5:48	6:18	12:11	12:01
Friday	May 27	6:39	7:04	12:49	12:07
Saturday	May 28	7:25	7:47	1:23	12:38
Sunday	May 29	8:08	8:26	1:55	1:15

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	Last Quarter	May 22nd
	New Moon	May 30th
	First Quarter	June 7th



I Found the Aardvark!

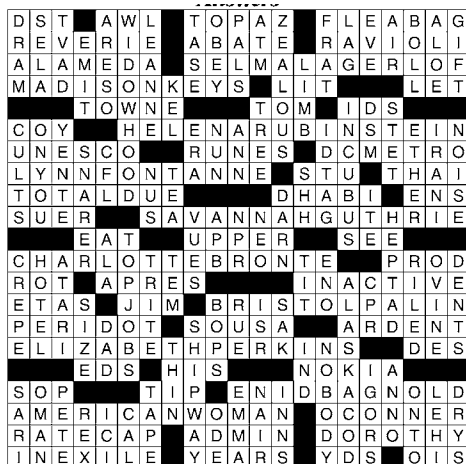
Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*
In the May 5, 2022 edition the Aardvark was on page 52!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



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solution

1. Priest
2. Battle
3. Right;
4. Canopy

Today's Word
BORING

Sudoku Answer

2	6	5	9	1	8	3	7	4
9	7	1	2	3	4	8	5	6
3	4	8	7	5	6	2	9	1
1	2	3	8	9	5	4	6	7
8	5	4	1	6	7	9	3	2
7	9	6	4	2	3	5	1	8
5	3	2	6	8	1	7	4	9
4	1	9	5	7	2	6	8	3
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